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# Christmas With Dickens



**E**IGHTY-ONE years have passed since Charles Dickens gave to a delighted world the first of his far too few Christmas stories, whose tenderness, humour, and great-hearted humanity made him the most beloved of British authors.

It was in the autumn of 1843, when he was living with his young family in Devonshire Terrace, Regent's Park, that "A Christmas Carol" — being a "Ghost story for Christmas" — was written (like most of Dickens' work) at high pressure, at the time he was working on "Chuzzlewit" — a race against time; but it was no less important that the "Carol" should make its appearance for Christmas.

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Then he could write no more he would sally forth on long aimless walks through the London streets, covering a dozen or fifteen miles before, in the early hours of the morning, he sought his bed. "He never left home," we read, "before the owls went out, and led the most solitary of lives." And as with "The Chimes" a year later, as he wrote "The Carol" he "laughed and wept again, and excited himself in the most extraordinary manner."

"The Carol" was quick to find its way into the hearts of the reading public.



It was a direct appeal of heart to heart such as few, if any, could resist. Copies were sold in thousands, as fast as they could be produced; Dickens was deluged with letters from all parts of the world, full of gratitude and admiration.

The manuscript of "The Carol" has had many vicissitudes since Dickens presented it to his old school-fellow, Thomas Milton. Fifty years ago it was sold for \$250 to a bookseller, Mr. Harvey, who in turn sold it to George Churchill, collector. In 1880 it changed hands again for \$1,000; and a little later was sold for \$1,500 to Stuart Samuel, of Kensington Palace Gardens. Of its later history nothing definite is known.

On November 4, 1844, Dickens wrote the last word of "The Chimes," probably the most beautiful and best-loved of his Christmas stories, and, as he put down his pen and looked down from this study window on the waters of the Mediterranean, mirroring the blue Italian sky, the tears began to stream down his cheeks, and, resting his head on his hands, he "sobbed like a child."

Some minutes later he took up his pen again and wrote these words to his friend, John Forster: "Half past two, afternoon, Thank God! I have just finished 'The Chimes.' I take up my pen only to say that much and to add that I have had what women call a 'real good cry.'

For weeks he had been writing at high pressure, "in a fever of inspiration." He had lived with and for his book; and as his pen flew over the sheets he laughed and cried with his characters, and generally, as he confessed, "behaved like an idiot." And when at last he had to say good-bye to them it was as though he stood by the graveside of loved ones. "Day after day," he says, "I was in my bath at seven o'clock and an hour later I was working at my desk, blazing away, hot and red-hot, for seven or eight hours at a stretch, until my hand refused to work any more."

"I had almost finished the story, and, racking my brain as I would and did, I simply could not think of a title. Then one morning as I sat down at my desk, the bells of Genoa broke, as if by one consent, into a merry, almost deafening peal; and I had it 'The Chimes!' That was the very title I wanted, but could not find."

A month after Dickens had wiped the tears off his eyes in Genoa he was reading "The Chimes" to a group of friends in his study in London, to such an accompaniment of laughter and tears as surely no book before had ever, and a man from a neighboring shop, talking of the wonderful Christmas story and clamoring for copies. On the day of publication it is said 20,000 copies were sold, and before the year closed the book had added \$7,500 to Dickens' bank balance.

A little later the story was dramatized, and when the play was read to a group of actors, it is said, Macready and Gilbert a' Beckett were "so overcome with emotion that Mr. Forster was obliged to suspend the reading until they had recovered."

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## Christmas Joy

**T**HE universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this worldwide, undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the Calendar, nor out of the heart of the world.—Anon.



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## Shopping Abroad at Christmas

**G**UESS who think that Christmas shopping and Christmas feeling would be the same all over the earth where Christmas is celebrated. But they are, funny enough, just as different for instance, as an Englishman and a Frenchman. It seems as if the constant moving or not moving at all in crowds and the also constant paying out of good money calls forth the most primitive instincts in people and makes all manners of us to be as much as possible like savages during the month of Christmas shopping.

Takes New York for instance. We all know they have tons of money and great gifts for advertising. We also know that when we wear our way through their blaring city in electric colors swarming with Santa Clauses driving real imported reindeer and enter their stores, full of the most luxurious gifts to be had for millions, we can, with a good conscience kick and punch ourselves to our caveman's heart content without any risk of being ruder than any other people are.

In Paris people haven't got the physical strength of the Yankee, which makes them all the more vociferous. By the time we have passed the scolding cursing army of children aged 1 to 70 years, queuing up to see "Zig and Rose" and other comic strip heroes bob up and



down in the show windows, risking our lives, clothes and watchchain (you never get home with more than one of the three) and are lucky enough at that! getting through the cursing-scolding crowd inside; and trying to persuade the deeply offended shop girls to let us have the parcels we paid for; why, even long before then we have lost whatever self-respect we used to possess.

In Berlin there is no rush. People move around very deliberately and calculate

in their minds at every new discovery how much cheaper they will be able to buy the thing during the sale in January. Consequently Christmas shopping is a very steady-going affair, while in January it is a scuffle. Good heavens fight like madmads to get the best bargains.

In England people become even more English than usual during December. Everybody moves in the crowd as if he were alone in the world, there are more "Sorry," more polite holding the doors for other people, more conventional tradition to follow than at any other time of the year.



The festive season has not always been associated with turkey, plum pudding, and the other delicacies we now link up with it. But it has always been a time of good cheer. In the old days, however, the boar's head was the traditional Christmas dish.



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# "A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE"

**D**EAR FRIENDS:

It gives me pleasure to comply with the request of the publisher of The Enterprise for a Christmas message for you, and so I will add another to the conferences of past years on Christmas topics.

The charitable and human side of the Christ feast will be well presented to you by the press, the radio, the church services, the exchange of gifts and greetings, and the festivities of the season. So I will speak to you, as is my custom, about Christ. Perhaps I could intrigue your interest by discussing the meaning of the atonement, for that is the chief note in the character of our Lord.

The term atonement is one of the few terms that the English language has given to theology. It is composed of the two words, at-one, and it means the satisfaction, whereby Christ reconciled God and the world. The keen minds of Christian teachers have wonderfully explored this idea and an enormous literature has grown up around it. As is usually the case, a more exact understanding of it came through an age-long sifting and refining of opinions on the subject.

Fore-shadows of the atonement in the Old Testament were the liberation of the chosen people from the Egyptian bondage, and the saving of their first born from the destroying angel. Among the celebrated prophecies of the Old Law, it is usual to cite those of Isaia: "But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for our sins and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all—he was offered because it was his own will."

In the New Testament we have quotations from the words of Jesus, whereby He explains the nature of his atoning mission. Among many, these may be cited: "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"; "For the Son of Man is not come to be ministered unto, but to serve, and to give his life a redemption for many." From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the ancients and scribes and chief priests, and be put to death, and the third day rise again."

The apostles and their assistant teachers made the atonement wrought by Christ the burden of their instruction, explaining it in various terms and under striking figures. Saint Peter tells them: "We were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold and silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled." And Saint Paul, who has been accused of inventing the doctrine of the atonement, seems to have foisted the critics by declaring that the doctrine was not made by him, but given to him from Jesus. He says: "For I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received; how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures." From this it stands out that the passion and death of Christ were a cause of liberation from sin, and a medium of reconciliation between God and man. Herein all were agreed and of one idea.

But the analytic mind of man was not satisfied without a more precise account of the nature of the atonement and of the manner of its accomplishment. This gave rise to a variety of opinions, some utterly wrong, some absurd, some partly right, but all co-operating to clarify the subject at last with what clearness the mind can apprehend it. We find the Greek fathers cutting away from the bold figures of ransom, payment of a price, bondage, captivity, etcetera. They got away from legal figures and sought the explanation in the fact of the divine incarnation. They said, "His flesh was sinned, and made free first of all, and we are saved by the same; for the presence of the Saviour in the flesh was the price of death and the saving of the whole creation."

The bold figures used by the scriptures to describe man's bondage to sin and his release from captivity, led other writers into opinions that now look absurd. A strange notion of some rights of Satan was developed, and it was thought that the price of man's spiritual redemption was paid to the devil. Saint Gregory tried to cry down this error, but it was not until the time of Peter Abelard, that romantic figure of the middle ages, that it received the death stroke. Abelard proved the only "right" that Satan could possess in connection with the fall and corruption of man was a right to punishment. On examination, this view seemed not only true, but self-evident.

In the age of the Norman conquest of Britain, many scholars were unsatisfied with the explanation of the doctrine of the atonement. They requested Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury, a saint and doctor of the church, to give them some new light on the subject. Anselm wrote a familiar little treatise called: "Cur Deus Homo," and it starts a new epoch in the theology of the atonement.

Anselm explained the redemptive on the basis of satisfaction for sin. A debt to divine justice had been incurred which must be paid. Man himself could not make an equivalent satisfaction, for the debt was greater than he could pay. Honor or satisfaction is measured by the one offering it; whereas the offense was measured by the dignity of the one offended. In the case of sin, this disparity was as great as the inequality between God and man—that is, infinite or beyond measure. A man or an angel could not make this satisfaction, and so Anselm said it should be done by one who was both God and man.

Peter Abelard admitted this view as partly correct, but he said the explanation of the atonement was to be found



not so much in satisfaction as in the pure love of God. He insisted that God could have pardoned man without satisfaction. He said the reason for the incarnation and death of Christ was the pure love of God, and by no other means could man be so well turned away from sin and moved to love his creator. Bernard, the immortal abbot of Clairvaux, fought Abelard's opinion at first, but finally swung around to it, saying, "Perhaps that method was best whereby we might be reminded vividly of our fall, through the great sufferings of him who repaired it."

The opinion that at last prevailed was a combination of the theory of satisfaction of Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, and that of the pure mercy and love of God advocated by Peter Abelard.

Later theologians admit a conditional necessity for the satisfaction offered by our Lord. He was free to offer, and the Eternal Father was free to accept a full satisfaction for the sins of men, but the restoration of fallen man requires a work of God's free mercy and fatherly love. Most of these theories discussed above had perils, if isolated and stressed beyond due limits, but the acceptance of what was true in each of them brought the acceptable doctrine in the end.

When the atonement is said to be reconciliation with God, it does not mean that God hated mankind before and afterwards came to love them. For the revelation is that God hates nothing of the things that he has created, and moreover, he says: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee." The reconciliation is rather the taking away of that which is the cause of estrangement between God and His creatures. Moreover, the wrath of God must not be understood in the same sense as wrath of men. If wrath is said of God, it means a manifestation of his divine sanctity, which is incompatible with sin.

Some have thought that the atonement is an unjust punishment of the innocent for the guilty. As said before, it was the free sacrifice of the loving Christ for his guilty brethren, and as such accepted by the Eternal Father on their behalf. Mr. H. G. Wells, in his Outline of History, says that the atonement was borrowed from Easterns of antiquity, who spilled blood on themselves as a mode of release from sin. That is not the source of it; it is doctrinal all. Nor is the physical death of Christ considered itself alone the cause of redemption; but rather it is the result of that death freely undertaken from love, and because of the personal union of God and man in the Saviour offering it.

In the atonement we find, on the part of God, how his wisdom conciliated his attributes of justice and mercy; on the part of Christ we find a manifestation of his too great love for us, and an acquiring of the glorious dignity of mediator between God and mankind. In St. Luke's gospel, He says to the disciples whom He met on the road to Emmaus: "O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all things which the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory?" On the part of man, it is for an instruction on the malice of sin, and in the value of his own soul, for he is told that he was bought with a great price.

Christ has given us many warnings, lest human sloth, hardness to understand spiritual things, and our tendency to drive a hard bargain even with God, deceive us as to our part in working out our salvation. If nothing remains for us to do to be saved, what meaning would there be in these words of Christ: "If any man will come after

me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me—for he that will save his life will lose it, and he that shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

In the economy of the redemption Christ played his perfect part, rendering a satisfaction to the Almighty Father for all men and for all sins, working a redemption copious enough to redeem many worlds. But for the adult Christian, the way of salvation remains the way of the commandments and the way of penance. There is a story in the gospel of a young man (St. Luke calls him a ruler) who came to discuss with Christ the matter of his salvation. "And a certain ruler asked him saying: Good Master what shall I do to possess life everlasting?" Now I am going to call your attention to something that the Master did not say. He did not say to this young man: "Life everlasting? Why, haven't you heard, I am going to work out your salvation for you; you do not need to worry?"

The Master engaged him in conversation, and he looked upon this youth with great personal affection. St. Mark says that the man's respect for Christ was so great that he knelt down in the way before him, pleading for enlightenment to save his soul. Jesus said to him: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

For those who cannot say: "All these commandments have I kept from my youth," the way of salvation is the way of penance. Among the texts of the Old Testament which show light on this point, many prefer that of Ezekiel, where he says: "But if the wicked do penance for all his sins which he hath committed, and keep all my commandments, and do judgment and justice, living, he shall live and sin not die. It is my will that a sinner should die, saith the Lord God, and not that he should be converted from his ways and live?"

Nor did Christ fail to confirm the necessity of penance by his preaching in the New Law. They told him of a massacre by the Romans among the people of Galilee. Jesus said to them: "Think you that these Galileans were sinners above all the men of Galilee, because they suffered such things? No, I say to you, unless you shall do penance, such shall all likewise perish."

The necessity of penance, and the fact that God will accept as penance the miseries of this life, patiently borne, give a spiritual value to the hard things of life. That explains why the God of all goodness has put his children in a world of so many miseries. It is given to almost everyone to feel at some time or other, like the patriarch Job, that the life of man upon earth is a warfare, and his days are like the days of a hireling. Job says: "My soul is weary of life. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. Many born of woman, living for a short time, are filled with many miseries; who commit evils like a bower, and is destroyed, and fleeth as a shadow, and never continueth in the same state."

Pessimism is no good, but it were childlike not to face the facts of life. The years like great black oxen tread the world, and God, the herdsman, goes them on behind. Life pours down upon the world its invading hordes, and nature eliminates, not suddenly and painlessly, but by the slow process of sickness, decay and death. In the days of Job, in our own days, in the days of Robert Burns, the story of life is all the same.

"Look not always on youthful prime,  
Or manhood's active might;  
But see him on the edge of life,  
With woes and sorrows worn;  
Then age and want, O, ill-matched pair—  
Shew man was made to mourn."

Life is easier and better in some countries now than it was in ages past. As man progresses from a lower to a better civilization many of the agonies of primitive peoples are alleviated. But the total of human misery averages about the same from age to age. One reason is that with advances of refinement, desires for more are awakened, and man feels his miseries the more as he loses his ruggedness and hardihood. Mass production and equal distribution of material goods will help a lot to make the world less a vale of tears.

The poor think that wealth is the balm in Gilead. But for prince or pauper the ills of life are much the same. For Prince Hamlet, no less than for the meanest of his subjects, life has its farces to bear, its pangs of despised love, the contumely of the proud, the insolence of office, and the thousand ills that flesh is heir to.

Let it be a consolation to us that the Lord and Master of life did not exempt himself from the common lot of man. He did not lay upon our backs burdens that he would not touch with the finger tip. But he willingly took upon himself a larger share of misery than ever he allowed any of his children. He is the man of sorrows of all the world's sad history, a man acquainted with infirmity from the day of his birth in the stable at Bethlehem to his death upon the hard gibbet of the cross. Having joy set before him, he chose the cross. He showed us how to transform the base metal of life's misery into spiritual values precious beyond all price. Pain cannot be escaped, but it can be made of value.

Vainly do we seek escape in the spirit of rebellion, or in the grosser debaucheries of life. Tam O'Shanter tried that way:

"Kings may be blest, but Tam was glorious  
Over 'em! 'Twas o'er of vice, violence,  
Dishonesty, lies like poppies spread;  
You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed;  
Or like snow flakes on the river,

A moment white—then melt forever."

Tam found it and many another.

God allows His children to suffer in order to help their spiritual development. So Tobias could say: "For we have not obeyed thy commandments, therefore are we delivered to spoil and to captivity, to death, and are made a fable, a reproach to all nations among whom thou hast scattered us." The angel advised both Tobias and his son that: "Prayer is good with fasting and alms more than to lay up treasures of gold."

Here we have the three-fold satisfaction that we may make to God, for sin; goods of fortune, which are almsgiving; goods of the soul, which are prayer, and goods of the body, which are penitential pain. But God in his goodness will accept the inevitable pains of life as penance for our sins under certain conditions, namely, that we suffer them patiently and offer them to God as a satisfaction in union with the suffering and death of Christ.

Thus are the ills of humanity made to serve a great purpose; thus do we find strength to endure them patiently; thus do we turn aside most of their bitterness; thus is effected the carry-over of value from this life into the next; thus is worked the supremacy of the mind over bodily pain. And in the case of the saints, we find them accepting with avidity such ills of life as came their way. It is said that Jean de Brebeuf, when the Iroquois tortured him to death, kissed the stake to which they tied him and roasted him alive, for it was to him the gibbet on which God allowed him to suffer and so to enter into His glory.

To accept the harsh law of labor, and to accept life's inevitable pain in a penitential spirit, is not giving way to a spirit of hopelessness. No, the earth is ours and the fulness thereof, to get what we can out of it. The primal blessing was: "And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat; and all beasts of the earth, every fowl of the air, and all that move upon the earth, and wherein there is life, that they may have to feed upon."

Although we are counselled to patience in pain and want, one of the chief points of the Master's teaching is the duty of all to cure the distress of others. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." This is the repeated teaching of our Lord and of the church. He taught it in some of the loveliest stories and parables in the pages of literature. His disciples carried that message to the merciless pagan world of their time. It became the leaven that worked in the mountains of human cruelty. It is the principle of whatever of kindness and brotherly love, and regards for the rights of the weak, that we find in the world today. How altogether fitting it is that his birthday should be the world's greatest love-feast. No feasts of battles fought, nor freedom won, nor empire founded, can compare with the birthday of Christ the Saviour. O world, pour forth your kindly spirit; O nations, lay aside your cruel strife; O human hearts, express your sentiments of brotherly love, for it is the feast day of Him who was our Redeemer, our Teacher, our Father and our Guide to the good things of this life and of the world to come.

A Happy Christmas be once again my kindly wish for you all. Sincerely yours,

REV. R. J. DONOVAN,  
Bellevue, Alberta.



CHRISTMAS EVE  
(By L. Mitchell Thornton)

On Christmas Eve I would breathe a prayer—  
My baby sleeps in the room above—  
Bless those to-night, wherever they are,  
Who fail to see in the skies the Star;  
Who, seeking pleasure, find but despair,  
Missing a little child to love.  
On Christmas Eve there's a hope I keep—  
My hearth is warm and my candles bright—  
That Heaven will kindly blessing shed  
On those who forget His man-  
ger-bed.  
Seeking for joy like white woolled sheep,  
Having no home their own to night.  
On Christmas Eve I would bow my head—  
Holding tighter your clasping hand—  
Praying the Christ they will not seek,  
These lost and erring and frail and weak,  
Will pity tonight and blessing shed.  
On the loveless who could not understand.

In an effort to relieve unemployment, a proposal by organized labor in Chicago would make blue Monday a legal holiday. The proposal has already got off to a good start. The plan is to have Monday declared a legal holiday by the city and state.

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### SANTA CLAUS SENDS A TELEGRAM



From Russia, whose Saint Nicholas, traveling West, tarried in other lands, we got our Santa Claus; from the forests of the North, our Christmas tree; from Palestine, the Christ Child Himself, the Star, the wise men and the shepherds; from Merrie England, the boar's head, the plum pudding, the mince pie, and Charles Dickens, whose good spirits came little short of actually creating the modern Christmas.

Not satisfied with giving only the turkey to the feast, not to be outdone by the Old World, the New World gave the happiest of all seasons its Christmas telegram and cablegram. Haughty dowagers, petite flappers with saucy carnine lips, exuberant college youths, round business men, bundle-laden housewives, olive-skinned women of broken speech—all these rub shoulders at our railway telegraphs counters when December rolls around. Sending Christmas greetings by wire has become an established Canadian custom. Santa Claus, who is credited with being everywhere at the same time, would be nowhere without his helpers and now he has enrolled scores of telegraph messengers to do his bidding.

Kalla Christongenna writes the son of Sparta or the daughter of Athens; the German, who has made so much of the glad season, says Froliche Weihnachten; the Norwegian recalls the ancient Yule with his Gladselig Jul; while the good Venetian will wish Buon Natale. In whatever language they say it, it means Merry Christmas as wholeheartedly.

The telegraph organization offers a multitude of services. Particularly at the Christmas holiday season does it have a useful but crowded career. Santa Claus never added a regimen of more faithful workers to his army of cheerful helpers than his henchmen of the railway telegraphs.

Since there is no mail delivery on Christmas Day, thousands of people use the telegraph to take their message of good-will into the homes of their relatives and friends. All ends are bent to the Christmas morning delivery of those wires of glad tidings. Uniformed messengers deliver the bright words in their gay Christmas envelopes at the time when holiday sentiment is at its climax. The greetings have not lost their value by a premature appearance; neither is there the feeling of disappointment over tardy arrival.

One of the latest Christmas telegraph uses is to wire a present in the shape of money, accompanied by an explanatory telegram that the lucky receiver is to buy that which lies closest her heart within the limit of the remittance. There is no line-up at the exchange wicket or embarrassing explanations for the friends of these thoughtful telegraph users. "When in doubt, send flowers" goes the social maxim. Here again the telegraph plays Yuletide part, in close co-operation with the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association.

Thousands of strands of copper-wire loop Canada together in firm bonds of friendship at Christmastide.

### CHRISTMAS

Now that Christmas is just around the corner again, one expects to encounter the abbreviated "Xmas" in many places, and hear many complaints and protests from those who object to this shortening of the word "Christmas."

One objection to shortening Christmas to Xmas is the pitfall of pronunciation. With the use of the brief form has grown a tendency to read it "Exmas," an unpardonable barbarism. So pronounced, the word is quite open to the criticisms of which clergymen and others have expressed.

X, however, as an abbreviation of Christ, has a history as old almost as Christianity. In catacomb inscriptions it stands for Christos, the first letter being chi. The letter X, the English equivalent of Chi, meaning Christ, has the sanction of ancient usage unquestionably.

ictionaries and encyclopedias include Xmas among the abbreviations of recognized standing, also Xn for Christian. They do not stigmatize it as colloquial or vulgar. Still, there is a feeling for words that impels most persons with a verbal conscience to spell Christmas out in full. To many, Christmas is a beautiful word, while Xmas is not.

On the score of good taste the appeal for the disuse of Xmas is pernicious. However, circumstances can alter cases. Certainly not even the ministry object to use of the contracted form in the newspaper headline, where space is as precious as it was on the tablets of the catacombs.

Xmas is a respectful term to those who look upon the Xmas symbolic of the Christian cross, and it is unlikely any would object to its use if this symbolism were universally recognized.—Ex.

### SUCCESS

Every boy and girl must have certain assets to achieve success—not material assets alone, but assets of character, and among the most important of these are ambition, industry, personality, and thrift.

Ambition is the will to attain something. The desired object may be knowledge, or honor, or power; but whatever it is, the ambition to reach must be backed up by the willingness to work for it. Merit wishes accomplish little without the aid of earnest application and industry.

The asset of personality is more elusive and seems to be born in some people without any effort on their part, but on the other hand it may be acquired by everyone who will concentrate on his career and not let it be marred by carelessness and indifference.

To save part of what one earns is another vital element in a successful life. Savings are not only insurance against the turns of fortune, but also a means of seizing golden opportunities, which are so often lost, through the lack of a small amount of capital.

This brief sketch of some of the necessary qualities should be enough to show that there is no easy road or short cut to success. It means constant hard work and saving and many sacrifices, but it is really worth them all through the ultimate feeling of accomplishment and the lasting happiness which it brings to its possessor.—A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury.

Small Boy: "What are those holes in the paling for?" Teacher: "Now, we all know about Noah's ark. Do you know of any other ark?" Carpenter: "They are knot holes." Boy: "Well, if they are not holes, what are they?" Billy: "Yes, Miss. The one the 'raids hangels sing.'

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### A USEFUL GESTURE

### PEMMICAN IS AGAIN MADE ON PRAIRIES

The provincial department of highways is operating a snowplow, to keep the road between Coleman and the British Columbia boundary clear for motorists. In the past, the highway around Crows' Nest Pass has been regularly blocked during the winter, and it has been necessary for motorists to ship their vehicles by railway over the divide of the Rockies—a process entailing obvious expense and inconvenience.

This action by the department is very welcome, and it will no doubt bring general satisfaction to the Pass area. Furthermore, it has been taken largely as a result of continuous effort on the part of town councils and boards of trade in the Pass towns. They have consistently urged that the government attempt to keep the highway open the year round.—Ex.

Real pemican, from true buffalo meat, is again being made on the prairies, and in considerable quantity. The pemican, which is being prepared at Wainwright and Edmonton, will be available to the public on request; but most of the dried buffalo meat will be shipped to the far north, for Eskimo relief. For the benefit of some old-timers, and many young people, who appreciate a new article of diet, several carloads of fresh buffalo meat have been shipped over the railways to Canadian cities and many more carloads will be shipped from Wainwright in the near future. A total of 1500 buffalo were killed at Wainwright National Park recently, and as a result, there will be a Dominion-wide sale of buffalo steaks, roasts and cutlets.

We're growing bigger every day! Early in the week we received a letter addressed to "The Empire," Blairmore, Alberta.

### STILL DRIVING AT NINETY

What is the retiring age for drivers? If you take Binscarth, Manitoba, as an example, you will not set the retiring age below 90 years of age. At least, there is one man over 90 who is still driving his own car in Binscarth. William Waller gets a great deal of enjoyment out of a car bought from Erank Clement, Binscarth dealer, in 1930.

"With all due deference, my boy, I really think our English custom at the telephone is better than saying 'Hello,' as you do."

"What do you say in England?"

"We say, 'Are you there?' Then, of course, if you are not there, there is no use going on with the conversation."—The Lutheran.

Judge: "The traffic officer says you got sarcastic with him."

Accused: "But I didn't intend to be... He talked to me like my wife does, and I forgot myself and answered: 'Yes, my dear!'"

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**C**HE big bus came to a stop with a jolt which hurled its tired passengers against the seats ahead. The powerful engine whined to silence. For a brief moment nothing was said. Twenty people stared at the back of the driver. Twenty pairs of ears heard the wild rush of wind outside: a noise which up to this time had been drowned by the motor, speeding across country roads; he knew how to handle people and he understood the temperament of a bus as a mother understands her child.

The driver was young. He had wide shoulders and a fresh color in his cheeks. He was used to these long, cross-country runs; he knew how to handle people and he understood the temperament of a bus as a mother understands her child.

He sat about in his seat to face the silent people. "Sorry folks, we're out of luck." A faint shadow seemed to rest on his face. "We're hung up . . . a hundred miles from nowhere."

A rustle of amazement passed through the listening passengers. A man, a woman, a child, a dog began talking in a loud, irritated voice. "You mean to tell me this blasted bus won't move another foot tonight? That we must stay here the Lord-knows-how-long? On Christmas eve and the folks home waiting for us? A fine, fat driver you are!"

"This bus was unprepared and ready. "No one telling you I can't help it. They gave me a bum bus; an old one, because of the holiday travel. . . . and lost."

"Ain't you even going to get out to look at it?" demanded the man unashamedly.

"No, boss, I ain't. I know this bus like an old friend. It's plum give out and I told them so." He looked the protestor straight in the eye. "What's more, we're the last one through tonight. Laugh that off."

Out of the dim, reeking seat rose a girl. She had a light. It seemed to dip into circles as you looked at it. Her face was pale with weariness, but she smiled. "What say, fellers, we buck up and have a party of our own? He can't help things," she nodded towards the driver. "He's done all the work, and now he gets handed to him a bunch of grown-ups. Come on, folks! We're safe and warm. Nothing can hurt us. Well get help in the morning."

She smiled at the big man who was biting his mustache. She laughed in the face of an old lady who was furtively wiping her eyes with the corner of a handkerchief. She grinned at a boy of fourteen.

The bus driver showed a fine set of white teeth. "Some grand little sport," he whispered to himself. Then aloud, "I got to warn you folks of something else, too. Nothing serious but kind of



"I Have a Flashlight," Said the Girl.  
"Who's Got Another?"

distractions. Passengers are liable to go out any minute. I got a trouble light with me, but that's all."

"I have a flashlight," said the girl. "Who's got another?"

It turned out that five passengers had flashlights. "Haul them out and we'll have a party, anyhow," called the girl.

The bus grew a little chilly but the girl would not allow them to think of that. "Now each of you must choose a present from your own, to give some one else here tonight. The folks at home would be glad to sacrifice one gift for the sake of giving us ours." Well, we'll do it," she said, smiling at the driver. "the Santa Claus and if any of you have eats . . . I say, have a heart and pass 'em around."

She went quickly from one to another. The old lady's wrinkles crinkled up; later as she finished in her number, gladness lit her face.

The year-old boy came out of his groups and offered to do anything from singing a song to pushing the bus—a suggestion which was greeted by a roar of laughter from the driver.

"We ought to have a tree," mused the girl aloud. "We can't do a thing without a tree."

"Hey, I got an idea," called a voice.

A man shot out of a seat and shook himself into a fur coat. "Open the door, driver . . . I'll be back in a couple of minutes. A blast of cold air and the mudflaps of the bus came crashing presently with a small, rasped bush. "Found it here by the roadside. Gee! There's some little blizzard going on!"

He shed his coat. He naked for string. Bundles were untied and the cord offered. By tying several lengths about the center of the bus, and stretching them taut to various seat-braces the bus was made securely upright in the aisle.

"Now for trimmings. Who's got trimmings?"

The cross man was busy with a bundle. He was still reluctant, still he wanted to use his present. A glittering angel with tinel wings was in the hands of the tree trimmer. Gently, almost reverently the angel

was fastened to the top. The disagreeable man beamed.

"Anyone get any white tissue paper?"

"Most girls were unified and their wrappers volunteered. With nimble fingers the girls folded long strips of red and white together into a sort of accordion effect.

"What's your name, driver?" suddenly demanded the girl.

"Michael O'Hara."

"Well, it's with pleasure. And mine is Katy Connolly . . . the top of the evening to ye!"

Then the fun began. Michael was possessed of an irresistible humor. He sent the old lady into stitches by pretending she had a bad cold.

He completely disarmed the cross man by giving him an artificial rose, howing with much ceremony that his hair almost touched the floor.

The fourteen-year-old boy was delighted with a candy cane and began to demolish it at once. There was a gift for the bus. The bus roared with laughter. It was "Katy" this and "Mike" that. The driver thought of everyone but himself.

The girl had a moment of acute distress. There was nothing for Mike, swiftly she thrust her hand into her pocket and brought out a small box. With this she went close to Michael. "Here's a present for you, boss," she said lightly.

"Go 'way wid ye!" remonstrated the man in surprise.

"No, please, I mean it." Something in the blue of her eyes decided him. He opened the box. Out of it came a silver cigarette lighter.

"Gosh, what a swell present! But you mustn't . . ."

"If you don't take it I'll never speak to you again!" declared the girl.

Amusement and tenderness mingled in his thumb.

The fun went on. Twelve o'clock one . . . two. The old lady dropped off to sleep. The bus grew quiet. The girl curled up in a rear seat. The driver stared out into the storm. Once he dug out the lighter and held it against his nose. "That darned little darlin'," he murmured.

On Christmas morning they were transferred to another bus. At the city terminal the passengers parted from one another with the warmest greetings. Both Michael O'Hara and Katy Connolly had part. They went on to Michael's home and when his mother saw the girl, and her laughter, and her blushes, she just opened her arms.

"The bye would be findin' his lady sudden. It's the O'Hara way."

"He did not even inquire about the bus. He was home. It was Christmas . . . on with the turkey and pumpin' pies!"

"But the cigarette lighter, darlin'?" Michael asked, "how did ye . . . ?" "Oh, I just bought it . . . likin' the looks on you that it had to you to you." And, said Michael with a big grin, "I knew when I set eyes on you you belonged to me."

"Hooryay!" said Michael's mother, plumping the turkey on the table.

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If the distance travelled in Canada last year by motor vehicles were placed end to end, it would make a total of 9,000,000,000 miles, a very respectable distance, even in stellar space. To run this enormous mileage, Canadian and visiting motorists purchased 500,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

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### THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

A fairly large gathering was in attendance at the meeting held last evening in the Columbus hall, for the purpose of forming a local branch of the Red Cross Society. His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Farmer, presided and briefly outlined for what purpose the meeting was called. It was then decided by a large majority of those present that a local branch be formed in Blaирmore.

The mayor then outlined the necessity of having a strong, active chairman, who would give his time and personal attention to make the local branch a success, and proposed Mr. Greig as chairman, with the power of appointing his own committee, which was unanimously endorsed.

Mr. Greig then occupied the chair and outlined in detail the purpose of the local branch, which would enable them to keep in constant touch with provincial headquarters, so as to be in a position to request or give certain help as the cases call for. He requested all those present, who could at all possibly do so, to become members of the local branch, the fee being \$1.00 per year. Owing to insufficient time, the committee for the local branch has not yet been selected, but same will be completed shortly and the personnel of same will be given in the next issue of this paper. The chairman then outlined the work of the ladies, who will act as an auxiliary to the local committee in assisting in caring for the distress cases.

Mr. Greig, who is also chairman of the committee which was organized for the purpose of canvassing the whole area of the Blaирmore district, soliciting assistance in the way of cash, food, clothing, fuel, etc., also, for the purpose of finding out the exact needy cases, outlined the progress which had so far been made, and stated that it will be some few days yet before the district has been thoroughly canvassed. He outlined and impressed very strongly on those present that the canvas was being made chiefly to raise food, clothing, fuel, etc., and find out the distress cases, and not solely to raise cash, as many of the public have in mind. He also, together with other members of the committee, argued very strongly against the erroneous statements being circulated regarding anyone in Blaирmore being remunerated financially for their work.

During the last two weeks or so, the members of the committee, and those engaged in canvassing the district of Blaирmore, have given very much of their time and labor, absolutely free, for the purpose of raising chiefly food, clothing, fuel, etc., which will remain in the town of Blaирmore, and be used for the distress cases in this district, and the personnel of those engaged in this work are worthy of commendation for their work.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF FORMER WELL KNOWN BLAIRMORE LADY

Word comes from Grainger, Alberta, of the sudden death of Nellie, beloved wife of Mr. A. A. Sparks, of the Pincher Creek district.

Mrs. Sparks had been visiting friends at Grainger. The cause of death is not given. Mrs. Sparks was in her fifty-fifth year, and is survived by her husband, four sons: Robert and Harold, at home; Chester in Duchess, Alberta, and Albert in Owhee, Oregon; and a daughter, Eleanor, teaching at Calgary.

She was an early resident of Blaирmore, living here from around 1902 or 1903 to 1916. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Sparks operated the original section of the Alberta as a hotel, later taking over the Cosmopolitan from Harry Howard. Their five children were born in Blaирmore.

The remains have been brought to Pincher Creek, where interment took place yesterday afternoon.

### NEW ADDITION TO CHURCH PROPERTY OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED

Though far from being completed, the new 50 x 85-foot addition to the United church building was opened for this week.

On Tuesday evening, upwards of three hundred members of the congregation and their friends sat to a real hot turkey supper, which was served in good old "family" style by the ladies.

Following the supper, a concert programme was carried out in the church, at which Rev. Mr. Whitmore, of Pincher Creek, acted ably as chairman. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental selections, readings, an address by Rev. Thomas Powell, D.D., superintendent of missions, and a comic sketch by world-famous Roy Upton and Alec McDowell. Vocal artists included Miss Lena Fraser, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Davis (Hillcrest), A. B. McDonald, Pincher Creek and Mr. Hibbert, Coleman; instrumentalists: the Upton Family, Miss Frances Livville and Mrs. Jones. Miss Holmes of Crowsnest, two very excellent humorous readings. Miss Irene Chappell and Mr. Tom Beynon acted as piano accompanists. Every item was pleasantly rendered and enjoyed.

All who attended were very highly pleased with the efforts being put forward towards providing for the young folk of the community.

In addition to the splendid addition to the building, a large open-air skating rink is being operated close by and is proving to be exceedingly popular with the young people, as well as with a large element of older folks, who have become so accomplished in the art of skating that the arena is now a safe place for them.

As a result of the supper and concert a handsome sum was realized towards the building fund.

Dr. Powell spent Sunday in Blaирmore, and during the day addressed both the senior and junior Sandy schools. At night he had charge of the service and delivered an able discourse on the subject: "Life does not consist in things." At this service, a very pleasing violin solo was rendered by Mrs. Jones.

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Members of the local Elks' Lodge observed Sunday last as Memorial Day, and a very fitting service took place in their hall at 3:30 in the afternoon.

W. W. Scott, exalted ruler, presided. Following Bro. Scott's opening remarks, "O Canada" was sung by the audience, followed by a violin solo, "Meditation" by Mr. Frank Johnson, accompanied on the piano by Miss Irene Chappell.

The memorial ritual was ably conducted by officers of the lodge, followed by the opening ode, "Great Ruler of the universe, etc., and opening prayer by Bro. F. H. McKay, chaplain.

Solos were rendered as follows: Miss Kathleen Tompkins, "I shall not pass again this way"; Mrs. S. G. Banan, "The Lord is my Shepherd"; and Mrs. J. A. Kerr, "Nearer my God to Thee."

The memorial address by Rev. J. W. Smith, B.D., was most inspiring and fitting, followed by touching references to deceased members of the lodge by Bro. J. E. Gillis, P.E.R.

Miss Irene Chappell, acted as accompanist for both violin solos rendered by Mr. Johnson, while Miss M. Chardon acted for accompanist for vocal solos and hymns.

The service closed with the singing of "God Save The King."

The attendance this year was considerably larger than on previous occasions, quite a number being present from Bellevue, Hillcrest and other points.

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A clergyman after many years service was retiring and his congregation presented him with a quilt, upon which was stitched the name of every parishioner. In acknowledging the gift he said: "My friends, for the last 30 years you have slept under me, but now in my retirement, it is going to be my turn to sleep under you."

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Speaking to the brilliant gathering of celebrities assembled at the recent Lord Mayor's banquet at the Guildhall, Premier Ramsay MacDonald declared: "We have been witnessing the complete breakdown of the doctrine of national economic self-sufficiency."

Truer, more significant words have seldom been uttered, but it is doubtful if people generally have yet come to a full realization of how futile the doctrine of self-sufficiency is, regardless of the fact whether it is applied in the realm of national economics or in the narrower sphere of an individual's life.

Belief that one is sufficient unto oneself is an outgrowth of egotism, which in itself is a sign of weakness and a fatal defect in character. Belief in oneself is essential to success, but to take the position that incorporated within ourselves are all the elements essential to success, that nothing more is needed, that we, and we alone apart from everybody and everything, can achieve, is a mostaken, a fatal attitude.

And what is true of the individual is equally true of nations and peoples. During the progress of the Great War the nations of the world learned that not one of them, no matter how obscure or isolated it might be, nor how great and powerful it might be, could live unto and within itself alone. Not one proved self-sufficient. Rather, the Great War revealed the dependence of one on another, and the interdependence of all.

The Great War was a struggle for the supremacy of one of two conflicting ideas or principles in government—democracy versus autocracy. Either autocracy as represented by the German Kaiser and based on militarism, or democracy as represented by those countries having constitutional governments based on the will of the people governed, had to prevail. Autocracy was defeated and democracy triumphed.

Out of that triumph arose the demand for the "self determination of peoples," and several new nations came into being. Unfortunately, these little nations felt impelled first of all to develop a so-called national spirit, and to attempt to make their new found independence as nations secure, by masking themselves supposedly self-contained, self-sufficient. To that end they strove to shut other nations, and the peoples and products of other nations, out. In doing so, they actually shut themselves in. The interdependence taught by the Great War was lost in the nationalistic, economic struggle which succeeded the war.

But, as Ramsay MacDonald points out, this doctrine of national and economic self-sufficiency has completely broken down. One nation suffers loss of trade, and all nations find they, too, are suffering as a result. Unemployment, depression, and the continual search for employment, loss of purchasing power by the citizens of that country, worries about unemployment in other countries which formerly did business with it.

The United States is, perhaps, the most compact, self-contained nation in the world today. Its national policies for many decades have been developed in that belief. Yet today the United States is suffering enormous declines in trade, with millions of its people unemployed, with its government facing a deficit this year of the stupendous sum of two billions of dollars. Why? Because the prosperity of the United States is dependent upon the prosperity of other nations; because, despite all its proud boastings in the past, it is not a self-contained country, its self-sufficiency is not sufficient; because world depression prevails and the United States cannot escape its calamitous results.

The cities and towns of Western Canada, as well, and the doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, insurance and financial men, artisans and laborers who make up these urban communities are suffering today because, first of all, the farmers are suffering through loss of crops, low prices for what they have succeeded in producing, inability to market their produce at a profit. Nothing else is wrong with the cities and towns, but the fact that the great primary industry of this country, agriculture, upon which they depend just as truly as do the farmers themselves, has been stricken. The cities and towns are not sufficient unto themselves; they are dependent on the farms. And the farmers, in turn, are dependent upon the great consuming masses in the cities of the world to purchase their produce. Each class is dependent on the other; all are interdependent.

May this great lesson of the war and of these difficult post-war years sink in the consciousness of all people, may it become indelibly engraved in the memories of all, never to be forgotten, may it convince the statesmen of the world that their policies must in future be based in interdependence rather than in self-sufficiency, and founded on a large and broad internationalism rather than in a selfish, narrow nationalism.

#### When Recovery Will Come

Canada will begin to recover when the world begins to recover, and the world will begin to recover when the impediments to world trade are reduced, war debts cancelled, and the frozen gold piles of the United States and France so melted that they will flow into the coffers of other countries in need of the yellow-metal.

#### Thousands Visit Observatory

Over 32,000 persons visited the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory of the Department of the Interior at Victoria, British Columbia, during the year ended March 31, 1931.

The first factory in the United Kingdom for the production of glass wool, primarily for heat insulation in ships, locomotives and engine rooms, has been opened at Glasgow.

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#### Discussing Support For Canadian Dollar

**Heavy Discount Proves Boomerang To United States Business.**  
United States banking and business interests are finding the heavy discount on the Canadian dollar somewhat of a boomerang and are considering action to alleviate their distress.

The New York Herald-Tribune, in a financial page item, remarking that banking interests in this country are taking note of the situation, says there is talk in Wall Street of "support" for the Dominion currency.

"It was pointed out," says the paper, "that the further the Canadian dollar declines the more difficult it becomes to do business with Canada. If prices are scaled up to meet the discount, it results in exchange, it naturally becomes less attractive to compete with Canadian or British goods in the Dominion. It is recognized that New York's interests in supporting the Canadian dollar should receive additional support from banks and corporations which have bank balances in Canada. Corporations whose subsidiaries operate in Canada but pay dividends to parent companies on this side of the border should also be interested in supporting the Canadian dollar."

Just what the "support" would take is not pointed out, but the Herald-Tribune says it is "recognized generally it would be of mutual benefit."

#### Publication Restricted

##### Bible Printed In England By Only Three Firms

Only three publishers are allowed to print the Bible in England. They are the Oxford and Cambridge presses and the King's Printer. These publishers have found that "there is money in the Bible," for millions of copies are sold or given away each year. Similar restrictions do not hold in the United States. And one publisher has established itself there and it was recently announced, an "Americanized" version of it will soon be issued. The American Bible Society estimates that in 1930 alone, 34,000,000 copies of the Bible, or of sections of it, including one book or more, were sold or presented to those who could not afford to purchase them.

#### Colonization Progresses

##### Many People Settled On Land Under Government Policy

The policy of encouraging colonization within Canada, instituted in September last year by Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration, and conducted in the form of a co-operative effort by the department and railway companies, has resulted in return to the land of approximately 42,882 people, according to a statement made public at Ottawa.

Settled returns to November 30, 1931, show a total of 6,040 families and 12,682 single men have been placed on farms since October 1, 1930, the former as settlers and the single men as farm laborers.

#### Cultural Value Zero

Replying to a questionnaire sent him by a New York college organ, H. L. Mencken, author, stated the attention of college students at United States universities is concentrated mainly on mere and trivial things. Very few of the professors who teach in them "are really civilized men, and relatively few of the students come from civilized homes. Thus, the cultural value of the college tends to approximate zero."

**British People Like Candy**  
The sweet-toothed people of the British Isles consume over \$250,000,000 worth of candies in a year. Half this amount is spent on chocolates. In addition to this Great Britain exports over \$10,000,000 worth of candies annually.

#### EXPLORER RETIRES



Major L. Burwash, well known Canadian Arctic explorer, is being retired from the Government service at the end of the year.

#### Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

##### PLANTATION MARBLE CAKE

(2 eggs)  
2 cups special cake flour, sifted.  
2 teaspoons baking powder.  
1/2 teaspoon salt.  
1/2 cup butter or other shortening.  
1 cup sugar.  
2 eggs, well beaten.  
1/2 cup milk.  
1 teaspoon cinnamon.  
1/2 teaspoon each cloves and nutmeg.  
2 tablespoons molasses.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs; then flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Divide butter in two parts. To one part, add spices and molasses. Place light and dark mixtures alternately, a tablespoon at a time, in a greased pan 8 x 8 x 2 inches. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) 50 minutes, or until done. Frost with boiled frosting. Decorate with raisins and walnuts meat.

##### PRUNE SOUFFLE

1/2 cup sugar.  
1/2 teaspoon salt.  
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten.  
1 can coconut, southern style.  
1 cup cooked prunes, seeded and finely chopped.

Fold sugar and salt gradually into egg whites; then fold in coconut and prunes. Turn into greased baking dish. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees Fahrenheit) 45 minutes, or until firm in center. Serve hot. Serves 8.

##### Ancient Coins Found

Coins believed to be over 900 years old have been found in a cemetery in Szeged, near Budapest, Hungary. They bear the effigy of King St. Stephen of Hungary, who was crowned in A.D. 1001, when Hungary first became an independent kingdom. The coins were found near the spot where a burial place of the bronze age was recently discovered.

He: "I have waited an hour for you."

She: "But, dear, I said I might be five minutes late."

Slot machines sell ices in a busy Los Angeles suburb.

#### Urge Use Of Home Products

##### Building Industry Sold To Importing Huge Quantities Of Materials

An indictment of the building industry for importing millions of dollars' worth of materials annually, at the expense of similar produced-in-Canada goods is made in a survey released by the Montreal industrial commission on unemployment. The survey, based on a year's work by Norman Holland, chairman of the commission, will be mailed to all members of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, it is announced.

Canada imported from the United States in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1931, building material valued at \$26,945,437. The document deals with approximately 80 separate foreign products which, it is claimed, investigation shows, were used in Canadian buildings.

Summing up, the document gives the following belief of the unemployment commission: "We believe if an independent commission were given authority to check over all specifications for such buildings as receive financial support from the public of Canada, this would bring back to Canadian factories in one year at least half of the \$27,000,000 worth of business which now goes to foreign countries."

#### Diseases Of Ancients

##### X-Ray Reveals Troubles Of People Who Lived 3,000 Years Ago

In ancient Egypt at least four out of five persons had pyorrhea, child hood was no hygienic bed of roses, and arthritis and arteriosclerosis presumably were favourite topics when the elders swapped clinical notes.

These are discoveries summarized after two years' study at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where scientists diverted X-rays from modern medical problems to historical secrets, focused them back over the centuries, and conducted autopsies on persons dead 2,000 years.

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##### Had To Be Satisfied.

"H'm! I don't like the look of your wife at all," Mr. Blunt," said the doctor, after he had examined the patient.

"Neither do I," answered Blunt, "but still she's a good wife, and looks after the children and the house well—so I can't grumble, I suppose."

Engineer Flew Above Train

J. W. Street, engineer of the "Cleitman Flyer," the world's fastest train, recently flew above the train during part of its run between Swanlin and Reading, England. Street and his wife hired an air taxi especially to make the flight.

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#### Interesting Statistics

##### Show Indians In Canada Are Thrifty and Prosperous

The census of Indians in Canada in 1929 gave the total number of men, women and children as 108,012. These are, of course, not all farmers, some being engaged in hunting and trapping, in lumbering, commercial fishing, and in transportation. However, according to the records of the Department of Indian Affairs, they had in the above year all told 1,101,175 acres of land fenced and 236,028 acres under actual cultivation. Other figures relating to the whole Indian community are: Brick, stone or frame dwellings, 9,442; other dwellings (mostly log), 11,880; churches, 358; council houses, 124; schoolhouses, 260; sawmills, 32. In addition to the number of day schools, there are 78 residential schools devoted to the education of the Indian population.

#### Canadian People Are Buying More Luxuries

##### Indicates Confidence In General Improvement Of Economic Conditions

The Canadian public has been purchasing more luxuries recently than for months past, indicating a possible loosening up of ready money and a more general confidence throughout the Dominion in the general improvement of economic conditions, states the department of trade and commerce in a statistical review.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics says the review reports larger retail sales of radio and other electrical instruments in October than in any month since last December. Sales by candy stores also were greater. Retail sales by furniture stores and by general department stores also were reported larger.

#### No More Examinations

Entrance examinations in Manitoba schools will be abolished in favour of recommendations by teachers on pupils' work throughout the term. Examinations which in former years have been the test for graduating from public to high schools, have been discontinued. In future graduation from public schools will be made on recommendation of the teacher.

#### Settler Made History

Alberta's first settler made the history books by murdering two of his neighbours, according to Professor A. E. Corbett, of the University of Alberta, in a recent dissertation on "Early Days Along the Saskatchewan." Peter Pond, Alberta's first farmer, came to the Athabasca River in 1775 and established a post 30 miles to the south of what is now Fort Chipewyan.



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## RAIL OUTLET FOR PEACE RIVER IS REQUESTED

**Victoria, B.C.**—The royal commission on transportation heard argument in favor of a Peace River outlet to the Pacific Coast and the presentation of a number of views on the matter in which some of the railway problems of Canada might be solved, at a public meeting in the court house here.

The commission announced that it would receive in writing a presentation from the British Columbia Government regarding the problem of the provincially owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Ridgeway R. Wilson, of Fernie, B.C., representing mining interests, urged the best and cheapest way to develop additional traffic for the western railway divisions was to extend a line into the northern territory of the Peace River area by way of Peace Pass. He said this connection would open up an empire of new mineral wealth, with new towns, increase the revenues of the railways, solve the Pacific Great Eastern problem, and largely solve the unemployment problem of western Canada.

T. D. Patullo, provincial Liberal leader, urged that it was the duty of the Dominion Government to determine the Peace River outlet issue, concerning which, he said, it was reported there was disagreement between the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways.

S. R. Ross, representing agricultural interests, urged an arrangement between the railways by which all freight would be handled over the Canadian National mountain lines, because, he said, one locomotive could handle 60 cars on the Canadian National grades as against 20 cars on the Canadian Pacific grades.

Forty per cent. of the railway traffic of the Canadian Pacific was derived from agriculture, Mr. Ross stated. He protested against the Canadian Pacific having, according to his claim, turned \$40,000 of profit derived from such traffic in the last ten years, to building new ships and other developments, instead of lowering freight rates for farm producers. He also recommended the cutting out of all railroad duplication across Canada.

Alderman W. T. Straith and D. S. Tait, representing the City of Victoria, and grain elevator interests here, alleged lack of co-operation between the two railways in regard to matters here.

## Asks Investigation Of Factory Exodus

### Tariffs Blamed For Exodus Of Plants To Canada

**Washington, D.C.**—The exodus of factories from the United States to Canada was the subject of a resolution introduced into congress by Representative Harry C. Canfield, Democrat, Indiana. Mr. Canfield called for a commission to investigate.

"Mr. Canfield," asked the Canadian Press, "is it not the purpose of this commission to demonstrate to the country that the reason for the factory situation is the tariff?"

"I didn't say that," said Mr. Canfield, "but I think everybody knows that is the reason factories are going away from here."

The representative said he had observed that many factories were going to Canada and that there must be a reason. He had investigated and discovered that labor conditions in Canada were about the same as in the United States.

Therefore, he had concluded to ask for a congressional commission to investigate.

### Alberta Premier Home

**Edmonton**—Premier Brownlie has returned to Edmonton from Ottawa where he conferred with federal authorities on unemployment relief, old age pensions and other questions. No decision has yet been reached on the opening date of the next session of the Alberta legislature but it is expected that Premier Brownlie will call it for early in January.

### A Visitor To Canada

New York, N.Y.—Lord Duncannon, son of the Earl of Bessborough, Governor-General of Canada, arrived here from England on the "Ile de France." Lord Duncannon, who is a student at Cambridge University, availed himself of the Christmas recess to visit his parents, who left immediately for Ottawa.

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## Ontario Aids Farm Holders

### Forbids Foreclosure Of Any Mortgage Held By Province

Toronto, Ont.—The Ontario Government has notified the Provincial Agricultural Development Board—which holds \$35,000,000 of farm mortgages not to foreclose under any circumstances when properties are unable to meet their obligations. Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General and Acting Premier announced. The step is being taken in order to give farmers every opportunity to weather present financial difficulties.

The Attorney-General revealed the action of the government in regard to farm mortgages during the course of an announcement that the government would bring down legislation at the next session of the legislature to provide for a modified moratorium on mortgages.

"We realize that in these times of financial stress, people who otherwise would be able to meet their payments are in considerable difficulty and the government is anxious to help them over this period of financial stringency," said Col. Price.

"I have asked loan companies to be lenient in this regard and I have also approached sheriffs and bailiffs and made the same request. But there is no legislation at present providing for relief and the government intends to have the entire matter discussed on the floor of the legislature with a view to some form of legislation.

## Industry Must Prepare For Imperial Conference

### It Is To Result In Intimate Economic Partnership

**London, Eng.**—Industry throughout the Empire must organize itself and take a leading part in the preparations for the Ottawa Imperial Conference, says the London Times, in an editorial headed "Industry and Ottawa." It expressed the opinion that great satisfaction will be manifested throughout the Empire after Rt. Hon. E. H. Thomas, Dominion Secretary, presents his statement to the House of Commons.

"But," adds the Times, "much more than government departmental preparation is required to make the Ottawa conference a success. Industries themselves, both here and in the Dominions, must prepare if the conference is to result in intimate economic partnership. It should, therefore, be clear the enunciation of the British government's policy should be definite enough to encourage industries to start preparation."

## Gale Paralyzed Shipping

### Newfoundland Homes Were Flooded and Wharves Swept Away

St. John's, Nfld.—Newfoundland was estimating the damage caused by gales that swept the island dominion for two days.

Reports reaching St. John's indicated that shipping was paralyzed all along the coast, while some waterfront homes were flooded and wharves swept away. From inland points came word of dislocated telegraph and telephone systems.

Reminding the shore dwellers of the death-dealing quakewave of 1929, a high tide rolled into Placentia Bay, carrying away many wharves, small boats and much fishing gear. At Port aux Basques and Davis Cove several homes were flooded.

## Wants To Keep Good Basis

### Germany Doing Everything Possible To Remain On Standard

Basel, Switzerland.—Germany will do everything possible to remain on the gold standard, Carl Melchior, German representative of the world bank advisory committee, assured his fellow-countrymen.

Melchior informed the banking experts investigating Germany's capacity to reparations, that the German people were "terrified" at the thought of abandoning the gold standard.

**Planning Dirigible Service**

London, England.—Establishment of a regular New York and London dirigible service is being discussed by Dr. Hugo Eckener, master of the Graf Zeppelin, and British air experts. The German commander said: "If we get the permission of the British Government we propose to start a trans-Atlantic service."

### Refuse To Pay Rent

Allahabad, India.—A hundred thousand peasants in 900 villages throughout this district, took part in "no rent" demonstrations and swore a common oath to refuse payment of rent. The proceedings were superintended by members of the Nationalist Congress.

## PREMIER ASKS SUPPORT OF RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

### S.S. Duchess Of Richmond, At Sea

Prize Minister R. B. Bennett issued

the following appeal to the Canadian people in support of the campaign of the Canadian Red Cross Society,

which was inaugurated December 10.

"Before leaving Canada I decided to make an appeal to the people of the Dominion for a national emergency fund to be raised by voluntary subscription and used for the relief of suffering and distress during the coming winter.

"With this in view I asked the Canadian Red Cross Society to undertake, in co-operation with other organizations and societies, the necessary collection and distribution of this fund. Its excellency, the governor-general, in his capacity as president of the Red Cross, assured me of the willingness of the society to carry on this work with the greatest understanding, sympathy and efficiency.

"We are still faced today with difficulties that are in some respects similar to those which confronted us during the Great War. Our troubles are less serious than those of some other countries but, nevertheless, there is a great deal of distress and suffering resulting from the economic depression, widespread unemployment and continued crop failure in large areas of the prairie provinces.

"Parliament authorized expenditures to provide what the government might deem best in the form of official undertakings to minimize unemployment. Through a co-operative program with provincial governments and municipalities much has been accomplished in providing relief in this way.

"But over and above what has been and will be done through such regular official expenditures and channels, there are large numbers of special cases in all parts of Canada that cannot be cared for through governmental activities. They can only be effectively dealt with through voluntary attention and assistance.

"It is for these that I appeal to the generosity and public spirit of our citizens. I am proud of what they have done and are doing, but there is still an urgent problem before us all. Never indeed has the splendid charity of the Canadian people been so much needed as it is at the present time. I feel confident that the liberality and human kindness they have shown in the past will be expressed again on this occasion.

"I ask all the men, women and children in our Dominion who are not themselves in need, and also all organizations, clubs, societies and lodges of every kind, to make a sacrifice for this cause. Let us as a people make sure that no child shall go hungry or unclothed, and no sick or afflicted person shall lack care.

"It may be that the outlook for the future is becoming brighter and we may do more to ensure a strength and fortitude in our national life by helping those of our countrymen who are in distress and want.

## Completed Daring Job

### White Man and Eskimos Brave Perils

#### Salvage Fury

Point Barrow, Alaska.—Using dog sleds for bridges over cracks in the ice and ropes to pull themselves over huge bergs, O. D. Morris, one of the marooned passengers of the steamship "Baychimo," and three Eskimo trappers completed one of the most daring salvage jobs in Arctic history.

Morris and the natives, after a disheartening struggle for 15 miles over the ice to the "Baychimo," frozen in when the Arctic winter caught her before she could escape to open water in the south, brought back ten bales of valuable furs.

### English Holly From B.C.

Victoria, B.C.—Comprising 10,000 pounds of choice red berried English holly, the first cariot order of the Vancouver Island product ever to be shipped out of the province, was despatched to Toronto, where it will arrive on December 14 and will provide Christmas decorations for some 3,000 households. The holly was grown on the holly ranch of F. G. Pemberton.

### Critical Of League

Manchester, England.—The Manchester Guardian, which has been critical of the League of Nations during the current Manchurian debate, carried an editorial describing the league council's efforts to solve the dispute as "futile and weak efforts which have only served to make the league contemptible in the eyes of the world."

## PREPARED TO MEET THE PROBLEM



Lord Bessborough, Governor-General of Canada (left), and Premier R. B. Bennett (right), are here seen discussing plans for the National Emergency Fund appeal, which the Prime Minister had just announced, and which is to meet distress and suffering in Canada this winter. Mr. Bennett lays the matter before His Excellency who, as President of the Red Cross, promises the Society's fullest co-operation in helping to collect and administer this fund.

## AGAIN WHEAT KING

### Supreme Court Judge Dead

Hon. Edmund L. Newcombe Taken Ill During November Session

Ottawa, Ont.—A Justice of the supreme court of Canada since 1924, Hon. Edmund L. Newcombe, C.M.G., 72, died.

He was present at the beginning of the November session of the supreme court, but took ill during the sitting.

He was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, and received his education in that province. He graduated from Dalhousie with the degree of bachelor of arts when 19 years old, and completed his law course in 1881. He was called to the bar in 1883, and in 1893 he was admitted to the bar of Ontario, and the same year was appointed queen's counsel.

On March 13, 1893, Mr. Newcombe was appointed deputy minister of justice.

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### Give Valuables For Auction Bringing \$3,700 To Treasury

London, England.—The national treasury gained about \$3,700 when jewelry, gold coins and trinkets, gifts to the nation in its day of financial distress, were auctioned. This was the most unique sale in the long history of Christie's.

The valuables were sent to Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden in the last days of his chancellorship by people in all stations of life. They represented tangible sacrifice to the nation—some came from obscure women and we're the sole remaining relics of their younger days when their families were prosperous. Each gift was auctioned separately so the donor might know the amount subscribed to the treasury.

Among the coins were two pounds minted for President Kruger of South Africa, a gold five-pound piece and a gold spade guinea.

### Predicts Western Control

St. Thomas, Ont.—"The time is coming when western Canada will control the destiny of the Dominion and people of the east will thank God, the west is part of Canada," said Very Rev. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in addressing the Kiwanis Club here.

### Closed Season Not Needed

Edmonton, Alberta.—There is no need for a closed season on ducks in 1932 in the central and northern parts of Alberta, according to a resolution passed at a meeting here of the Edmonton branch, Alberta Fish and Game Protective Association. The members went on record as opposed to a closed season next year.

### More Idle In Britain

London, England.—For the first time since the end of September, British unemployment showed an increase in the week ended November 23. The total then was 2,622,027, which was 6,912 more than the previous week and 316,383 more than at the same time a year ago.

### Urge Early Conference

London, England.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald told the House of Commons that his government feels an international conference to deal with the world economic situation should be held immediately after the financial experts now meeting at Basel have made their report.

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## THIS CROW EXPERIMENT

(By Cee Aitch Jay)

After keeping them in captivity for several months, and subjecting them to a course of "treatment," a bunch of crows has been released in southern Alberta by the Department of Zoology. The experiment is being conducted with a view to discovering whether or not such birds can be induced to migrate north in the fall, instead of to the south. The black marauders have had a peculiar experience during their incarceration in the experimental cage at Edmonton, and it is expected that their sense of direction, instinct or judgment has been almost ruined. Local sportsmen have been asked to keep a weather eye open and shoot any crow on sight, sending the carcasses to Edmonton, stuffed with cotton batting soaked in alcohol, and marked "crow." It would seem that the whole experiment is having an amazing effect upon Hanna gunters, whose normal instincts, sense of direction and judgment seem to be as seriously affected as do the crows'. For instance, one sportsman went into the south country on Sunday, looking for the much-heralded crows. He eventually came upon quite a flock; proceeded to stalk them, but suddenly realized that he had left his shotgun at home and had to return for it. He went back for the gun. Contrary to usual experiences, the gang of crows awaited him and he secured two tagged specimens. The balance of the flock, which had gone through the experimental treatments related above, flew north. They were all muddled up and thought they were hitting for New Mexico or some other winter retreat. The sportsman also was muddled. He was out of sight of any landmarks and lost all sense of direction in his excitement. Having always known crows to migrate to the south in the fall, he forgot that these particular customers were changing their habits. In taking the opposite direction he wandered farther and farther from home. When he discovered his mistake he returned to town too late to take his Sunday school class. Being Sunday, the Government Vendor was not open, and it was impossible to secure the necessary alcohol with which to pickle the crows.

Obviously, the moral is that the government should keep the liquor stores open on Sunday, and the Sunday school classes should be adjourned, until this whole crow experiment is completed.—Hanna Herald.

## WELL DONE!

The part played by the railroads in the upbuilding and strengthening of the communities they serve is well demonstrated in the lives of their men. When a man works faithfully in one section of the country for twenty, thirty, forty and even fifty years, to retire with the respect and the good wishes of his neighbors, it must be that he makes a worthy contribution to the stability of his community, even if he takes no part in municipal affairs and modestly disclaims any history but that of a job done to the best of his ability. Every month, as those who have grown old in the Canadian National system relinquish their duties to take their rest, their fellow citizens delight to do them honor. Purses of gold, illuminated addresses, clocks, arm chairs, canes, cases of pipes are the tangible evidences of goodwill and a genuine appreciation of the value to the community as a whole of a life regularly lived and a job faithfully carried on from day to day.—Ex.

## DISARMAMENT

"Is it all right to sign the disarmament petition?" is the query contained in a letter received at our desk one day ago. We have often wanted to discuss the question of armaments from the point of view of the church, but always found it somewhat difficult to put in precise terms what we considered the church's position.

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## BLAIRMORE UNITED CHURCH

Rev. J. W. Smith, B.D., Pastor

Serve the church that the church may serve you.

Christmas services, Sunday, December 20th, the pastor in charge.

11 a.m.—"White Gift Service." The senior and junior schools will unite for this service. The congregation is also invited to attend. Gifts of toy-foods or clothing should be wrapped in white paper and marked for boy, girl, and age. The gifts will be used for local Christmas cheer. Cash gifts may be given and these will be used for the M. & M. fund.

7:30 p.m.—Christmas message by the pastor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 25th, Christmas Day service in the church at 11 a.m. The offering will be used to assist shruba centering will go toward the M. & M. fund.

Sunday, December 27th at 7:30 p.m., a religious drama "The Light of the World" will be presented by the Colgate players. This powerful religious drama carries a searching Christmas message which your pastor is anxious for all to hear.

## BIG INVESTMENT

## IS NOT PAYING

Canadians as a people are richly endowed with the gift of vision. The remarkable transportation system built up in this still young country is the result of vision. There are three transcontinental railway lines across the Dominion and scores of branch lines. There are six national ports which have been heavily subsidized out of the national treasury, Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Churchill and Vancouver, not to mention Victoria, Prince Rupert, Yarmouth and other seaports which have also shared in federal largesse. Money has been spent like water in the construction of railway lines and port facilities, and yet today more of our sweat is finding access to salt water via foreign ports than through our own national outlets. It is a most unsatisfactory situation.

The Halifax Herald is authority for the statement that Halifax has a new and highly modern grain elevator capable of handling 20,000,000 bushels of grain and yet so far this season not one bushel has passed through that port. A somewhat similar condition prevails at Saint John and at Prince Rupert, where the federal government erected a magnificent terminal elevator several years ago. The Canadian railways are crying for business and yet vast quantities of Canadian-grown grain are passing out of the country at Buffalo for Boston and New York shipment. There is a railway line from Prince George to Prince Rupert which is little used, and the grain elevator at the latter port is of the white elephant class.

All of which leads to the conclusion that the vision which created the Canadian transportation system has not been backed by the practical common sense which should have made certain that that system would be used. Many factors in the transportation situation appear to have been neglected and public monies wasted. Today Canada has a tremendous railway problem on its hands. It is paying for the over-enthusiasm of men of vision, and something will have to be done about it. Whatever it is, it is obvious that steps must be taken to keep more Canadian trade within Canadian channels to ensure more profitable returns from the huge national investment in railways, canals and seaports.—Calgary Herald.

A physician says that the best way to reduce is to eat apples. This method reduced Adam rapidly.

## SUBSCRIBE TODAY!



## I AM STILL RICH

(By Roy L. Smith in the Vegreville Observer)

We have passed through a panic suffered from a crash on the stock market and are now more than half way through the depression, and I am still rich!

It may be true that I have much less to live on than I had a year ago. It is certainly true that I have just as much as ever to live for. The real values of life are unshaken and solid.

The stock crash cost us much that we never had—paper profits that never got nearer our pockets than the financial pages of the daily papers. The market failed, but nothing else did. Prices went down, but not one acre lost its fertility and all the electrons, protons and ether waves went on working on their accustomed ways.

When the depression came, I was compelled to take an invoice, and soon discovered that I was still rich. All my capacity for the enjoyment of life was intact.

My two-hundred thousand dollar eyes are just as good as they ever were! Every landscape and sunset is nice if I want it. Twenty-thousand-dollar scenes and views are added to my collection almost every week. A hundred-thousand-dollar sense of hearing is still unimpaired and by it I become an heir to a world of beauty and inspiration.

Then, there's my million-dollar stomach and a half-million-dollar appetite. No doctor has sentenced me to spinach for the rest of my life. Better to have plain food and an appetite than to sit down to a banquet with no appetite. No man can be rich who is compelled to take orders daily from his stomach.

The depression has not lowered the value of a single friendship. Neighbors still greet us in the same old cordial way, business associates behave in us, and our sons hold us in high respect. The wife's welcome at the close of the day has not depraved in the least and our daughters continue to lavish their affection upon us with the same old extravagance.

My faith in the goodness of the universe is unimpaired. By that faith, I am emboldened as I face defeat and despair. The prayers my mother taught me and the faith in God instilled in me by a devout father, remain as priceless as ever.

No nation becomes great by becoming rich. Neither does a man find enduring satisfaction in life by owning something—only by becoming something. The most degrading poverty is that which results from killing the spirit that the body may be saved.

This depression has cost us some of the things we created, but it has robbed us of none of our power to create. We may have lost some beautiful things, but we have lost no love of the beautiful.

It is a challenge, not a catastrophe. A generation that has conquered the air and has sent giant planes circling the globe, which has plunged into the depths and dispersed the ocean's floor, which has climbed above the clouds and lived in the stratosphere, is now faced with the challenge to rise about its dependence on mere things and seek an emancipation of the spirit of man.

The last six months have been for many men a thrilling spiritual adventure through which they have discovered their real worth. Bereft of dividends and profits, they are discovering the sustaining powers of a strong religious faith, the abiding values of courage, heroism, honor, charity and worthiness.

A financial crisis can wipe out profits and bring business to a standstill, but character is beyond its reach. It can rob us of all we have, but it can

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## District News

From Our Own Correspondents

### HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Mrs. G. Thornton, senior, is at present visiting here with her son, George Thornton.

Mrs. H. O. Westrup entertained at home on Thursday evening last. What was played, prizes being won by Mrs. D. Grant, Miss B. C. Sellon and Mrs. F. Willett.

Only a few attended the fortnightly bridge drive last week, owing to the Moose dance at Blairmore, but an enjoyable time was spent with bridge, followed by dancing.

Mrs. J. Mackie entertained friends at her home on Friday for a game of whist.

The stork visited Hillcrest again on Saturday, leaving a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wariner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Thornton were Calgary visitors last week.

The Welsh Society held another of their series of whisky drives on Monday evening in the Catholic hall. It was very well attended. Prizes were awarded to: ladies' first, Mrs. M. Hamaluk; second, Mrs. McDade; gents' first, J. Watson; second, Glyn Rhys. A delightful supper was served by the ladies, then dancing continued into the early hours.

A general meeting was held for the skating rink on Wednesday night. Bob Smith was appointed rink keeper for the season. The rink was opened for skating on Sunday night.

Miss Edna Day left for Vancouver last week, where she will be joined in wedlock to J. Glover, who left here a few weeks ago. They intend making their home at Monday night last.

The whooping cough epidemic is gradually passing over.

Your correspondent extends happy greetings to all readers of The Enterprise.

### CORBIN HAPPENINGS

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. P. Barstall entertained a number of guests in honor of Mrs. J. Thompson. With everyone doing their bit, a good time was had by all, and much talent was surprisingly unearthed. Among those present were: Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. P. Barstall, Mrs. J. Barnes, Mrs. W. Goos, Mrs. C. Venables, Mrs. W. Crossfield, Mrs. T. Brace, Mrs. J. Norquest, Mrs. E. Kitlinger and Mrs. Joe Matt.

The dance, sponsored by the Pythian Sisters and held on Friday night, was a very pleasing affair. Excellent music was supplied by local talent.

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Officers for the ensuing term: T. Mc-  
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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

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### BLAIRMORE LODGE NO. 15

B. P. O. ELKS  
Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays  
at 8 p.m. in the Moose Hotel. Visitors  
made welcome. W. W. Scott, Ex-  
ecutive Ruler; J. R. McLeod, Secretary.

Donald, Mrs. B. Eccleston, Mrs. J. Kerr, Misses Johnson, Radford, Hallsworth, A. Penman, G. Penman, Graham, Nicholson, Morris, E. McDonald, Cole, Kerr, Knowles, Emmerson, Martin, M. Goodwin and K. Marcellin. A surprise sleighing party was given Mr. Jesse Best by his friends on Sunday last, after which a dainty supper was served.

The United church annual Christmas tree will be held in the church on Monday next, the 21st, at 7 p.m. The Community Christmas Tree will be held on the 22nd. The High School will hold their annual joy night in the I.O.O.F. hall same night. Miss Peggy Cole's orchestra will supply music for the dancing to follow a concert.

Your Bellevue correspondent extends to all readers of the Enterprise best wishes for the Christmastide and the New Year.

### COWLEY HAPPENINGS

The pupils of the senior room of the village school are very busy these days, gathering material for the first edition of their newspaper, which will be off the press and ready for circulation at Christmas time. Another edition of this paper, we understand, will be ready for the public by Easter.

Several local enthusiasts attended the whisky drive in aid of the Red Cross at Lumbeek on Friday night.

Mrs. Arthur Brockwell was the lucky lady to draw the ticket winning the twenty-five-dollar box of linen, given by the Cowley Women's Institute in aid of the fund. A five-dollar basket of chocolates, which was drawn for in aid of the Christmas Tree fund, was won by Miss Doris Musgrave.

A large crowd attended the whisky drive, held in the Masonic hall on Wednesday night. Prizes were won by: ladies' first, Mrs. Archie Swart; consolation Miss Rosalie Renaud; gents' first, Dick Alexander; consolation, Sandy Thompson. Mrs. M. A. Murphy and Mrs. Harold Cleland were hostesses for the evening, with M. A. Murphy master of ceremonies. After an appetizing luncheon, the hall was cleared, and a lively two hours of dancing took place. Good music was furnished by local talent.

On Wednesday afternoon, three large boxes of clothing and toys were packed up in the United church, and sent to the Red Cross at Calgary. The village school girls are to be congratulated upon their willingness to help both with sewing and dressing dolls, as well as the gathering of articles, which was supervised by Miss Nellie McWilliams and Mrs. Bundy. The mothers of the girls were invited to attend the tea served by Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Swart in honor of the girls who so freely gave of their time to help with this work.

Your correspondent extends the Season's Best Greetings to all readers of The Blairmore Enterprise.

A bachelor's life is just one undarned thing after another.

### KEEPING OPEN

#### CROWS' NEST PASS

The Alberta and British Columbia provincial governments can afford to spend some money to keep open the highway connecting the two provinces at Crows' Nest Pass for two reasons.

One is that this is the only pass in Alberta or Montana which can be kept open in winter at small expense, and the other is that the travel which will result from keeping the pass open will return to the governments increased revenue through their higher gasoline usage and the gasoline tax thereon. Heretofore, travel between the two provinces has been impeded by the snow, which drifts into the pass over a distance of some five miles. It will not be a big or expensive task to keep the road open in the normal winter.—Lethbridge Herald.

### BLAIRMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books being placed on the shelves this week are:

"The Exploits of Arsene Lupin," by Maurice Leblanc; "The Argyle Case," by Hornblow; "The Iron Woman," by Margaret Deland; "Two Girls in a Siege," by Edith Hannon; "The Young Treasure Hunters," by Alfred Judd; "The Boy Scouts of Bob's Hill," by Burton; "Life of Sir Walter Scott," by J. G. Lockhart; "The Bungalow Book," by White.

The library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m. The fees are \$1.00 per year for residents and \$2.00 per year for non-residents.

Suggestion for a Christmas Gift. Why not give your friend a year's subscription to the library?

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## WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Soviet Government is preparing to discard the famous Communist system of rationing food and clothes. Britain will make no binding trade agreements until the outcome of the Imperial Conference is known.

Central heating is proposed for Churchill, Manitoba's new seaport on Hudson Bay.

Captain Tikhon N. Agapayev, former commander of the Russian Imperial Navy, died suddenly at Halifax.

Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, noted British statesman, is on a lecture tour in the United States.

Improved train facilities are greatly needed in Peace River country, E. H. Kietz, delegate to the Alberta pool meeting, declared.

Population of Russia in 1950, the Academy of Sciences, Moscow, estimates, will be 240,000,000.

The peal of the bells of St. Peter's has been heard for the first time in many nations in a broadcast from the Vatican radio station.

Miss Ethel Catherwood, Saskatoon's Olympic champion, has taken up residence in San Francisco where she will remain until after the Games.

Unless a solution is found for the present problem in the dairy industry of the province, Quebec faces the possibility of the abandonment of 40,000 farms.

The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, has approved of a combined highway and railway bridge which the Fraser River Bridge Company propose building at Port Mann, British Columbia.

### Means Valuable Saving

#### Canada's Energy Requirements Met By Water-Power Industry

The water-power industry in Canada supplies nearly the entire energy requirements of the country, exclusive of that utilized for steam railways, automobiles, etc., and as a further measure of its importance it may be mentioned that the capital investment involved in rapidly approaching a billion and a half dollars. The records of the Dominion Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau, Department of the Interior, show that during 1930 upwards of twenty million kilowatt hours of energy were produced which, using the figure for the average coal consumption per kilowatt produced in the public utility plants in the United States, indicates an actual saving of 17,500,000 tons of coal in 1930. When we consider that for a stretch of upwards of 2,000 miles across Canada no coal mines exceed the value of this saving becomes apparent.

### Special Soviet Stamp

#### Carries Design Of Four Riders In Mad Race

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Red army's first regular cavalry detachment a special stamp which bears a design strikingly similar to the traditional pictorializations of the four-horsemen of the Apocalypse was issued by the Soviet Government. Four riders are shown in a mad race across the face of the stamp, on which is roughly outlined a map of the European section of the Soviet Union. The first of the horsemen pictured carries a large red banner; his three companions each bearing far forward on his horse, carry their weapons above their heads.

### Sold Member's Hat

Vincent Carter, member of the United States House of Representatives from Washington, entered a shop where men's odds and ends were displayed to a big crowd yesterday. He respectfully put down his hat and walked around. In less than no time the saleswoman had sold the hat for the benefit of a hospital in Ketchikan, Alaska.



"Your daughter is learning sing? It is also a success?"

"Yes. Already two tenants have moved." Lustige Kolner Zeitung, Cologne.

W. N. U. 1920

## North Country Brought Close To Civilization

### Remote Settlements Served By Chain Of Wireless Stations

Ten years ago communication between Canada within the North West Territories and the world at large involved a delay of weeks during the summer season and of months during the winter. Seven years ago the Department of the Interior, through the North West Territories and Yukon Branch, took the first step towards bringing the north country closer to civilization. With Edmonton as a base a chain of wireless stations was built which served Simpson on the Mackenzie River as well as Dawson and Mayo in the Yukon Territory. Since that year the northern wireless system has been extended until today Fort Smith, Resolution, Simpson, Norman, Aklavik, and Herschel Island on the west with Coppermine and Chesterfield Inlet to the east are equipped with wireless offices, which handle ordinary commercial messages to and from all parts of the world. In addition some of the more northerly offices are equipped with broadcasting plants by means of which they are enabled to relay commercial messages and daily news bulletins to the more remote settlements.

### Grain Show Held At Prince Albert

#### Fine Samples Of Wheat And Oats Were Exhibited

With a view to producing grain of sufficiently high quality to withstand the test of the World's Grain Show at Regina, Sask., in 1933, the Prince Albert Board of Trade staged a grain show recently.

The samples exhibited were produced from seed sent out by the board to the most successful growers of the district. There were 15 lots of Reward wheat sent out in five bushel lots, and ten lots of Marlowe's oats of five bushel each.

The exhibit showed fine results in both cases the winners being chosen for plumpness, soundness, colour, freedom from disease and from other varieties of grain.

Professor Manley Chapman, of the Field Husbandry Department, Saskatchewan University, was the judge. The yield of the grain on the judge's test was: Wheat, 40 to 50 bushels per acre; oats, 90 to 100 bushels per acre. There were 20 exhibitors in all. First, second and third prizes were awarded in both classes and comprised three, two and one sack of the best grade of flour produced by the Waskesiu Milling Company.

### Have Not Learned Lesson

#### Nations Paying For Last War Are Preparing For Next

Taxes are high—federal, provincial and municipal—entirely too high, most people think. But has it occurred to the average citizen that out of every hundred dollars received by the Dominion Government, forty-two dollars go to pay for the cost of the recent war? The interest on the war debt, pensions for disabled men, provision for the care of dependents of those killed in the war, etc., cost the country that tremendous proportion of our national income. And it will still continue so long as most of us live.

That cannot be avoided now and most of the other nations are in the same boat. But there should be a lesson in it for all of them. Hence they learned the lesson? Not so that anyone can notice it. They are spending more for war preparations right now than ever before.—Kitchener Record.

### Floodlighting For Ships

Merchant ships will soon adopt the style of large buildings and monuments and go to sea floodlighted in a way that will make their identity clear at great distances, in the opinion of Samuel G. Hibben, manager of the engineering department of the Westinghouse Lamp Company. For lines have already developed the idea, notably the North German Lloyd, whose liner "Europa" carries a large electric sign amidships on each side blazing forth her name.

### New Radio Microphone

A new radio microphone weighing two and a half pounds, about three inches in diameter and of approximately the same thickness, has been perfected. It can be operated efficiently in rainy weather or in any position. It requires no local amplifier or battery such as is employed with the condenser microphone.

"The compass," said the young man, who knew a lot about everything, "always points north, you see."

"Then it's just too bad," sighed the beautiful girl, "if you happen to want to go south, isn't it?"

## CANADIAN MISSIONARIES SAIL FOR LIBERIA



This picture shows Miss Florence Stacey, Rev. Edward Hancock and Mrs. Hancock, three missionaries from the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, who sailed from Montreal on the "Ascania" to take up missionary work in Liberia.

### Production Falls Behind

#### Soviet Government Has Failed To Complete 1931 Program

The Communist newspaper "Pravda" admits that Soviet Russia had failed to fulfill its 1931 program under the five-year plan in certain branches of industry, but predicted that the plan would be more than fulfilled in four years, or by the end of 1932.

Industrial production for the first 10 months of 1931 was only 19.4 per cent over that of 1930, the newspaper said, whereas the plan called for a 45 per cent increase for the whole year in comparison with last.

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Because of imperfect acoustics in rooms and halls, it was found in tests that the average adult fails to grasp one word out of every 12 that are spoken.

### Canada's Domestic Loans

It was in the War of 1915 when Canada first attempted to float a domestic loan, and the history of that and subsequent loans, is of interest at this time. The following is the record, in millions:

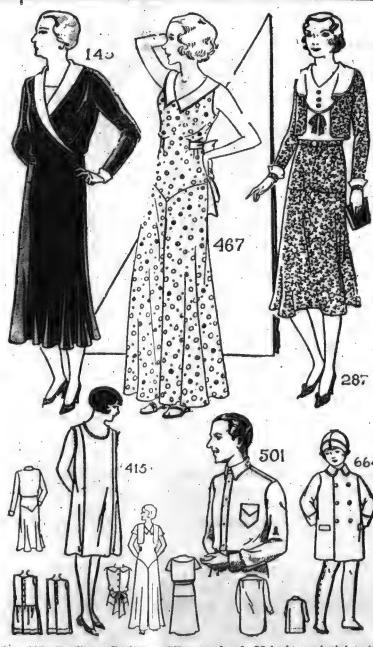
	Asked	Subscribed
1915	\$ 50	\$103,729,500
1916	100	201,444,800
1917	150	260,768,000
1918	150	398,000,000
1919	300	660,000,000
1920	300	678,000,000
1931	150	215,000,000

Frank—"I had a balance in the bank before I got married."

Sid—"Ab, love makes the world go round."

Frank—"It made me go round all day, right. I went around so fast I lost my balance."

## FASHION



No. 143—Dark Coat. Slip. This style is designed in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 13 1/2 yards of 36-inch contrasting.

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No. 601—Making Dad a Shirt. This style is designed in sizes 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2 and 19 inches neck.

No. 604—Complete Outfit. This style is designed in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

No. 605—Smart Matrons. This style is designed in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

No. 606—Making Dad a Shirt. This style is designed in sizes 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2, 14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16, 16 1/2, 17, 17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2 and 19 inches neck.

No. 607—Smart Matrons. This style is designed in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. Size 36 requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

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## Local and General Items

If a flea can live under water for seventy-five hours, why the devil doesn't he stay there?

Col. W. C. Bryan has resigned the police commission for Alberta, to take effect from December 15th. He has been twenty-four years in the service.

A nationally known sociologist says that the best way to get the most out of life is to fall in love with a beautiful woman or a great problem. Why not choose the first and get both?

A traffic item in an English paper reads: "The sign should be given by holding out the right arm far as possible, at least twenty or thirty yards, before making the turn."

Authorities at Jackson, Michigan, are in a quandary because they have arrested so many bootleggers who can not pay their fines that there is not enough room for them in jail.

A Minneapolis visitor to these parts says that Alberta knows nothing at all about hard times. "Why," he declares, "down our way we have even had a slump in our depression."

Members of the Westville, Nova Scotia, branch of the Canadian Legion have passed a resolution requiring withdrawal from the branch of any legionnaire who is a member of Local No. 50 of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada.



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The chief cause of divorce is matrimony.

A local guy, who is getting tired of writing love letters, is now applying for a letters patent.

"Doc" Chapel says he had to do some chiropractic work on his car on Saturday night, to enable him to get home from Calgary.

"A dollar goes a long way," remarked a greenhorn sport on the local golf course recently. He had to buy another ball.

Added to the already high cost of liquor in the United States will be millions of dollars being invested in congaundrum-chasers.



About thirty Ukrainian miners from Drumheller have signed up for jobs in Russia. The contract provides that the men have to pay their own transportation to Russia and must immediately apply for citizenship upon arrival. The contract covers a three-year period at seven dollars a day.

Every minute: A baby is born, two husbands get shot, three fires break out, four girls leave home, five girls come back, six automobiles are wrecked, seven cashiers go out walking, eight people get hurt, nine men need automobiles; the Enterprise is used for wrapping up father's lunch, building up community effort or being placed under carpets.

The funny man in one newspaper says that the best thing about depressions is that you always live through them and emerge much fatter. He also figures that the calico market could be saved if the ladies would wear larger bustles. Of course, being a gentleman, that is a subject he could not touch, except during banking hours.

At Drumheller last week, all vacancies on the council, school and hospital boards were filled by acclamation. Allan Hamilton and Lorrie A. Jackson were re-elected to the council for a further term of two years, and Charles Burnham for a similar term, completing the term of Alderman McIntyre. Mr. Hamilton was a former student of Blairmore and for some years a member of the school board here.

Okiotska complains that hockey in that centre this season is not being sufficiently well patronized.

The Bellevue Terriers won over the Coleman Junior Miners in an overtime period on Monday night.

Mr. Arthur Hadwell was obliged to re-enter hospital on Thursday evening last for further treatment.

Mr. V. A. Bowes, assistant district passenger agent of the C.P.R., was a visitor to this district during the week.

Twenty-five years ago this week, J. H. Farmer, present mayor of Blairmore, was elected overseer of the town of Frank.

The living quarters of the personnel of the Royal Canadian Signals radio station at Fort Smith, N.W.T., were totally destroyed by fire on Friday last.

The Clarendon Local Press queries: If Canadians can subscribe more than two hundred millions in less than a week, why has so much of our national financing been done in New York?

Mr. H. H. Greisbach, who for a number of years has been in charge of the customs' office here, is shortly to be transferred to Vancouver, B.C. The name of his successor here has not yet been announced.

After several days of negotiations, bail bonds to the extent of \$160,000 were completed Monday for the release of eight Communists recently convicted of being members of an unlawful assembly at Toronto. All are appealing against their convictions.

Right Hon. Winston Churchill was struck down by an automobile in New York and is said to be in danger of developing a pleural hemorrhage. Safeway's have opened a store at Pincher Creek, with Mr. David Petrie, of Lethbridge, in charge. We understand their Blairmore store will open early in the month of January in the Peacock block.

Much interest is being manifested in the forthcoming pugilistic go between Jimmy Burrill and Kid Hughes, and accompanying preliminaries, to be staged at the local Columbus Hall (formerly Blairmore opera house) on the evening of December the 23rd.

In this connection, an announcement appeared in our last week's issue, and unfortunately an item referring to hockey and bearing the name of Frank, was purporting to apply to Frank Barringham, the promoter of this boxing exhibition. But, no, the Frank referred to in that small item is well known and has the desire to settle a contest on ice with the fist instead of with the puck and hockey stick in admirable form. Blairmore hockey suffered from this same "fighting" man for a few seasons, and the sympathy of all real sportsmen is now extended to Coleman.

The following comment was made editorially by the Drumheller Review: "Just an instance to show that the citizens admire a man who is a fighter, even though some of the things he suggests are freely criticized." Alderman Sam Savage, at the recent Calgary city elections, headed the polls with a wonderful vote, and had the most powerful newspaper against him, telling the voters that he was practically a unsafe man to be on the council. His own organization refused to back him, but he stepped out as an independent, and, well, it was just too bad for those who were telling the wide, wide world that the genial Sam, who had lived in and boosted Calgary for well over a quarter of a century, was not good enough for the city of Calgary's council. Sam Savage made mistakes, but he was a bonnie fighter for what he thought, was the best for his city, and the ladies joined the men, and put Alderman Savage right over the top.

## SHOP FOR XMAS NOW

Candy		Baking Requirements	Nuts
Moir's Fancy Boxed Chocolates	priced at	Curants, reseeded, 2 lbs	Brazils, 2 lbs
45c, 80c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35,	\$1.75, \$3.00 per box	Blaed Sultanas, 2 lbs	Almonds, 2 lbs
		Pineapple, 1 lb	Walnuts, 2 lbs
		Shelled Almonds, 1 lb	Filberts, 2 lbs
		Cut Peel, 1/2-lb 15c - 1 lb	Peanuts, 2 lbs
		Baked Cherries - Coconut, Powder Rice Flour - Ground Rice	Pecans, per lb
		Creams, Jellies, Xmas Mixed, Bon-Bons, etc at per lb 25c, 30c, 35c	Mixed Nuts, lb
		Extracts - Spices - Gelatine, Potato Flour	5 lbs for

Fruit Cake	
Christie's, per lb	40c
Christie's Fancy Biscuits, Cheese Wafers, Sodas	
Ginger Wine	
Eamonn's, per bottle	60c
Welsh Grape Juice, bottle	10c
Ginger Ale	
Adanac Dry, pints, per doz	\$1.50

## FRUIT and VEGETABLES

Jap Oranges, box	\$1.20
Bananas, 2 lbs	35c
Grapes, 1b	25c
Florida Grape Fruit, each	10c
Cranberries, 1b	25c
Oranges, Lemons, Apples	5c to \$1.00 per pig

## Mince Meat

Bowes, per lb	20c
Marachino Cherries, per lb	20c

Cigars and Cigarettes	
Fancy Xmas Packages of Turret, Millbank, Buckingham, Virginia Ovals, Herbert Tareyton, from 65c to \$1.00 per pig	

## CHINaware

### NASH COFFEE Per tin 55c

A Good Cup of Coffee

### SCOTT'S GROCERY

The Bellevue Bulldogs were defeated 8-1 by the Cismen Canadians on Friday night.

"Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sins," writes Bobby.

A classified ad reads: "Wanted, good man for piggery." This should be a good job for a summer road-hog.

Most of the moralists, you will find, are persons who have a strong weakness for minding other people's business.

REMINGTON PORTABLE TYPEWRITER, value \$75, like new, will sell for \$30 cash, apply Mrs. Attar-matt, phone 153.

Large numbers availed of the opportunity of free skating at the arena on Sunday afternoon last, and a neat sum was realized by a silver collection to go to the Red Cross funds.

Evan Morgan, secretary of the Blairmore local union, left by Saturday night's train for Edmonton, where he and other workers' representatives will confer with the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Not one person in 100,000 can pronounce all these common words correctly: data, gratis, culinary, cocaine, gondola, version, impious, chic, Caribbean, Viking. Can you? If you think so, look in the dictionary.

The flying snake, found only in Java and Malaysia, possess the unbelievable ability to flatten itself out like a ribbon and sail from tree to tree. When it makes a descent, it sails down to the ground in spiral fashion.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Ladies' Aid of the Blairmore United church wish to thank all those who donated toward the supper held in the church on Tuesday evening, or contributed to aid its success.

DR. A. E. SHORE, of Drs. Gunn, Hackney & Shore, Calgary, will be at the office of Dr. R. F. Stewart, Blairmore, on the afternoon of Friday, December 18th. Anyone wishing to consult him with regard to Eye, Ear, Nose or Throat, please make appointment with Dr. Stewart.

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We extend the season's greetings and wish you and those whose happiness is yours a full measure of Christmas joy and success for the New Year

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## SONG OF THE AGES

When the voices of the angel host proclaiming the birth of the Christ broke the clear, crisp stillness of that Judean night nearly two thousand years ago, the shepherds on the hill-sides of Bethlehem heard the first Gloria in Excelsis and also the very first of all Christmas carols. The angels sang first of "Glory to God;" then they sang of "Peace on earth good will toward men," and it was this message of peace and good will that has been significant in making the Christmas the finest and most beautiful day in all the year.

In every civilized land, whether man be of the Christian faith or not they celebrate in song and story the anniversary of the time when the Bethlehem shepherds "saw the new day dawning and darkness put to flight." No matter what may be their religious belief or sect—no matter in what regard they may hold the splendid figure in the manger—a Bethlehem, or in the garden of Gethsemane or on the hill of Calvary—they cannot fail to be excited at the jubilant voice of Christmas with its message of joy and of hope and love to all mankind.

No other holiday has so rich a heritage of old customs and observances as Christmas. With our own custom we are well familiar. Sprays of holly, and mistletoe, fragrant boughs of spruce and pine, glossy wreaths of laurel and red, and brightly glowing tapers give evidence that the spirit of Christmas is again abroad in the land, and are symbols of the love and glory which was able to transform even the lowly stable behind the inn into the holiest of all human sanctuaries—a home. And so it is that not only in our own land, but in all the lands of the earth, though the customs and modes of observance may vary with the different peoples, there is one mode of observance which is the same in every land, in every language—the Christ mass song.

The spirit of Christmas and song are inseparable. The angels first told their story in song, and from the day on wherever Christmas has been observed, it has been so, first an foremost, with the singing of Noel and carols. The word "noel," in French and signifies a song or hymn of joy, the word itself having had its origin in the French word nouveauté which means "news" or "good tidings." The English word "carol" comes from two Latin words, *canticum*, or "whi- means "to sing," and *rola*, an intonation of joy.

The first carolers after the angel were the village wails, or watchmen who walked through the towns during the long winter nights to prevent depredation and to call out the watch and on the eve of Christmas the self-appointed ministers of the Nation would break the midnight silence with the sweetest of their dreamlike and mysterious melodies—sometimes making up the songs as they went along, after the manner of the old troubadours; sometimes singing the festive songs already well known to their drowsy listeners.

In 1521, Yyancken de Worde, said to have been the second printer in London, printed and issued the first known set of Christmas carols. The songs were rather of the festive type as are most of the Christmas carols which we know today.

One of the earliest and best known of the English festival songs was called "Ceremonies for Christmas" and another popular festival song of English origin is the "Boar's Head Carol," which is still sung each year at Queen's College, Oxford. "The Wassail Song," "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "The first Nowell," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Good Christian Men Rejoice," all have come to us from England and are among the finest of all Christmas songs.

From Germany comes the happy "Tannenbaum" and one of the best loved of all Christmas carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night." From France comes the "March of the Kings," well known not only as a Christmas song, but whose melody is utilized by Bliv

for the prelude to his delightful "Arienne Suite."

America can claim its own well known "We Three Kings of the Orient Are," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "It came Upon a Midnight Clear," and several others no less known, perhaps, but which are very interesting.

Certainly the most universal of all Christmas songs is "Portuguese 'Adeste Fideles,' or 'Come All Ye Faithful.'" In every land where Christmas songs are sung this glorious hymn is known and loved among not only in the Christmas season but throughout the year.—Clark Bloom.

## ARE WOMEN SHEEP?

Beng Atlee, a physician and writer, of Toronto, presents an article in the Canadian Home Journal, proving, undoubtedly that women are like sheep. He says: "Even today, women move in male dominated world, where men determine what they shall do, how they shall do it and what rewards they shall receive."

1. Take the matter of clothes. After a short burst of freedom and consciousness, they have been weekly back to the servitude of hamper-skirts, high heels and so on, by the beckoning of a few French dressmakers—all men.

2. Home is woman's special sphere, the architecture is masculine; i.e., construction and conception. The lumbering, heating, ventilation, decorations, furniture, are all man-made; also of holes, the kitchen glass with labor-saving devices, a man-made.

As soon as men start helping with housework, labor-save multiplied.

3. They did win the vote but have they made their presence felt? Even in the great matter of world peace are they spoken with any organic voice? One has the impression the women have bowed to old male parental shibboleths.

4. They should show organized interest in education. But beyond the Montessori system, which came from a country where women have no voice, know of no outstanding contribution which women have made. Indeed, it is mainly men who are protesting against our very imperfected educational system. Our women are not without protest a system which we have the grotesque aspect of school malcontents teaching boys to be manly and astigmatic professors in trousers pointing the way to girls.

5. Women do give more service to churches than men. There are active activities to compare with Ladies' Aid and the Missionary Society. But are there women treasurers, deacons, elders, minister?

My rarely indeed, and then the encouragement is all from the men. I believe that the Creator can work through the male in guidit his people?

6. One would think that in her own special, inescapable role of motherhood, women would have utilized energies in an effort to reduce terrible maternal mortality rate and demand more and better maternity hospitals, better training of obstetrics. Do they take that most important matter of child birth seriously at all? Sometimes I doubt it.

Instead of intelligently approaching our particular duty of motherhood, in a concerted effort to reduce danger and pain, they appear to have thrown child-bearing, along with other slavish duties, into the mind, in their avility to compete in man's world. Consider the preparation—the lack of preparation—of the intelligent young woman to marriage, and maternity. Consider the turmoil of her weddin preparations, her wedding, her post nuptial social demands. In such grotesque fashion do many of our daughters train for their first and most important pregnancy. In the course of a couple of centuries, finding themselves still in the thrall of child-bearing, they may realize that their destiny is after all different from man's. They may begin to organize a truly feminine way of life.

## SPELL IT IN FULL

Abbreviating of the Word "Christmas" Spells a Noble Word.

Clergymen of many of the denominations have joined in a protest against the abbreviation of the word "Christmas." They declare that writing it as "Xmas" is wrong and should not be permitted. It is said that with one exception letters sent to Christian leaders brought revocation of the use of the word "Xmas" and the spelling of the word "Christmas" was restored.

The protest is timely for many reasons. There is no greater need for all to observe Christmas as an event that appeals to nearly all, both non-believers as well as believers. It signifies much more than a day of rest. Nearly all the world, non-Christians as well as those who observe the day as the birth of their Lord and Saviour, are Christians in spirit for good deeds. It makes a sort of spiritual revival that affects the people of all faiths and creeds. It is the time when people are drawn closer together; when selfishness is more nearly crucified than at any other period of the year; when men of all lands, wife and bachelor, the doing of good deeds. Hearts are softened at this season of the year and acts that at other times would be considered sins are condoned for the time being at least, barried by qualms of conscience. The better and finer impulses of mankind, that often often are not given full play, are stimulated by the selfish desires of the flesh for a brief period, in the ascendance.

In all these reasons the word "Christmas" is now come to be one of the noblest and most inspiring in the language. To the devout follower of the true religion, this is the occasion for the celebration with means of praise and songs of thanksgiving of the coming of man's Saviour.

At the time of rejoicing because it proves man's humanity to man. That is why it is the most widely observed of all the "red-letter" days in the calendar of time.

## CHRISTMAS GAMES.

Please Hours May Be Spent at Unusual Games.

Christmas is always a time of merriment and the hosts who can provide a series of mirth-provoking games will be sure to find an amusing way to manage an evening's entertainment is to appoint some genial man a Lord of Misrule, after the fashion of the King of the Castle, the sceptre for the evening, with power to name the games, forfeits and rewards.

Hand snowballs through a holly or fir wreath can provide a lot of fun. The balls of cotton-wool are allotted certain values, 1, 5, 10, etc. and the players are divided into teams, each guest taking a turn at throwing the balls through. The number on each ball which goes through is added to the score.

Those who are to take part in the obstacle race must leave the room to be brought back just one at a time. A chair is laid across a chair, a book, etc., being placed here and there along the way. The player is told that he must avoid all the articles and if he falls over them, the blindfolded person who is directing the obstacles must remove his blindfold, but his elaborate efforts to avoid the obstacles which do not exist are always rewarded for the obstacles and the place when the fold is removed from his eyes.

Ask each guest to bring to the party a picture taken in his childhood or infancy. When you have collected them all, arrange them in a row on the wall and have the guests guess as to the identity of them. A prize may be given to the one who makes the most correct guesses.

## ENTERING FOOD FOR CRUELTY.

Much of Christmas has meant to humanity, it has meant no less to those lower fellow creatures who share with men life's joys and sorrows. The animal kingdom, the realm that rests upon the animal world to-day, it is less by many fold than it was before that it was when a little child was born in the stable of Bethlehem. The Devil of Christmas is the eternal foe of cruelty. No man who yields to it away can live with a kindly eye upon the most of these living things that have capacity for pain.

## DELIVERING TOYS IN SPAIN.

In Spain, as in most of the Spanish-American countries, the legend of Santa Claus gives place to the tradition of the Magi. At some time between the 12th and 15th of December, that is to say, between January 4 and the Three Wise Men of the East, imitate Santa by risking the soot of chimneys in order to deliver toys to good children.

## Christmas Candle.

Burning of candles in the window the night before Christmas is one of the customs of the Swedish calendar celebration of the festival. The candle, lighted on Christmas eve, are supposed to last till 6 a.m. the next day, the traditional hour of the Swedish Christmas mass.

## GIRLS Still Like Dolls.

In spite of all the advanced ideas of the rising generation, the average small girl still likes a doll as well as she likes any other Christmas present.

SHOP EARLY  
READ THE ADS

Crombie Allen, formerly president of the California Newspapers Association, recently returned from his second trip in the last three years to Russia. Martin Penn, of the Editor and Publisher, New York, sought to interview Mr. Allen on his Russian tour. Here is Mr. Allen's reply: "I have two stories to tell about Russia. If I tell the one, I can't go back to Russia as I hope to in 1933. If I tell the other, I can't stay here." Well, practically the same sort of reply was made to a paper some months ago by a gentleman who had returned from Russia, where he had been engaged for some time in technical work. However, enough was gathered from his reply to give a picture of conditions in Russia. The picture suggested by men like these is not flattering to Russia or to humanity. There is no other country today that adopts so slavish or rigid censorship as Russia, a censorship which extends from beyond its own borders, and is an astounding contrast to the cry for tolerance and for freedom of speech so frequently voiced in other countries on behalf of the emissaries of Russia.—Ex.



**T**HE world is a rush, ye ken, There's nae much rest for business men But here's a hearty greeting— May Christmas bring you Muckle Joy, The New Year luck w/out alloy; And a' your cares be fleeting.

## The Cosmopolitan Hotel

Jas. F. Smith, Prop.

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## HEARTY GREETINGS

and Sincere Good Wishes  
for Christmas and the Coming  
Year to all our readers

The  
Blairmore Enterprise

Once again  
we take pleasure in wishing  
the people of the Crows' Nest Pass  
and district

**A Very Merry Christmas**  
and a Happy and  
Prosperous New Year

## International Coal &amp; Coke Co.

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## CHRISTMAS PROVERBS

To issue an invitation is to make ourselves responsible for our guest's happiness as long as he is under our roof.

It is a sin against hospitality to open your door and shut up your countenance.

The gift makes the gift precious.

A gift with a kind countenance is a double present.

The charitable give out at the door and God puts in at the window.

There is no grace in a gift that sticks to the fingers.

GOODBYE SORROW!  
(A Christmas Wish)

I'm packing my grips tomorrow, I'm saying goodbye to sorrow; For "Thirty-one" is on the wane, I'll never see this year again.

Was once a laugh, there's been a pain, I've known a loss, so too a gain; But 'twixt them all an even span, Since first "One-Nine-Three-One" be gan.

Could we but once review our ways— Delve deep and clear from childhood days—

Life is a book of loose-leaf pages, We'd know it not, e'en thru' the ages

Let's not regret, nor even sigh, As old Dad Time goes stepping by; Rather give to him a rousing cheer, And call Dame Fortune to appear.

My toast is joy for thee and thine, A fervent hope for me and mine; May fortune smile on all today, And every day in every way.

—Sylvia Crosby

## GUEST TOWELS

Smart paper towels are being offered to take the place of the embroidered guest towels that no guest ever uses.—Trade news item.

The guest towel, done in pastel shades,

Of lavender and rose, Is not to dry one's hands upon, As everybody knows.

It decorates the bathroom wall, Unspotted and apart, For guests and others to admire The needle worker's art.

The guest towel joke is ages old, And yet it's never new; Without old stand-bys such as thi.

What would the jokersmiths do? No laughter, on the other hand, But language mostly foul, Is stimulated by the crass And futile paper, towel.

So let the busy presses run And let the printers print. A million reams of paper towels Of every shape and tint; Let them be advertised as smart, Aristocratic, swanky—

And I will wipe my dripping hands Upon my pocket hanky!

## ROADS AND REVENUES

Canada's investment in highways is said to total \$960,000,000, covering roads estimated at 390,000 miles in length. It seems like a lot of money, but this is discounted when it is taken into consideration that tourist traffic from 1921 to 1930 alone is said to have brought \$1,600,000,000 to the Dominion. Ontario's provincial treasurer is authority for the statement that motor tourist traffic revenue of Ontario pays a 100 per cent dividend annually on Ontario's total investment in highways. This may be accepted the more readily in view of official statements from the Canadian Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The Society states that revenue from motor vehicles in Canada, including registration and gasoline tax totalled \$41,076,405 in 1930, an increase of \$1,745,193, or 4.3 per cent over the previous year.

The ring of the wedding bells is the cheapest ring used in marriage.

## CHRISTMAS BRINGS MUCH FOR BOTH OLD AND YOUNG

Christmas is a time of joy for the old as well as for the young. If it is given only to youth to enjoy many of the pleasures that Christmas brings age finds its compensation in the wealth of the memories that the day awakes. At no other time does such hallowed and lovely remembrance of days that are past stir the heart Again, we live in the land of childhood; we revel in its happy, carefree hours; we stand before candlelit Christmas trees that thrilled us in the long ago. With swift steps we travel across the bridge of time and space and clasp hands with those of other years. Again we live happy hours of comradeship and understandings that were ours.

Through the year we may have forgotten how rich we were; we may have failed to recall the many loves, joys that have come to us through the years. But at Christmas it is different. Absent friends and joys, as well as those that are near, bring us joy and cheer. Even those who have passed into the land beyond seem to be with us today; the power of love and memory seems to have pierced the veil that hid them from our view. Dear and half-forgotten memories of hours we spent with them bring them very close.

Yes, Christmas holds much for the old. And its greatest gifts are to those who have laid up a treasure of lovely memories day by day.—Katherine Edelman.

FROM ALL SUCH THINGS,  
GOOD LORD, DELIVER US

The editor of the Claresholm Local Press, suggests a few of the pests which he prays to be delivered from the open saloon argument.

From the unemployement.

From the egotism of man.

From the men wearing sideburns. From men wearing one-quarter to one-half inch moustaches.

From the man who goes about slaming his bad luck and his down fall on a woman—Adam's old alibi.

From narrow-minded persons, gossips, sarcastic wits, the boaster he perpetual knocker who never be leaves in the worth of anything new.

Forgetting that all our accepted customs, ideas, and everyday conveniences, were at one time only experiments and were also ostracized, otherwise all persons who are *sure* they know how someone else should live in order to be happy, thus measuring all others' likes and dislikes with their own miserable little lives, O Lord, deliver us.

## CANADIAN FISH

More than twenty different kinds of fish and shellfish are taken in commercial fishing operations on Canada's Pacific coast, more than thirty in Atlantic waters, and over twenty varieties in great inland or freshwater areas.

The sea fish comprise: alewives (or, gaspereau), bass, black cod, caplin, codfish, catfish, cusk, eel, flounders, frill, plaice, greyish (or logfish), halibut, hake, halibut, herring, ling cod, mackerel, octopus, oil, salmon, perch, pichards, pollock, red, salmon, sardines, shad, smelts, sturgeons, swordfish, trout, tuna, whiting; also seals, hair seals, porpoises and whales.

Shellfish comprise: clams, quahogs, cockles, lobsters, oysters, crabs, scallops, shrimp and winkles.

Inland fish are: alewives, bass, blue pickerel, carp, catfish, eels, goldeyes, herring, muskellongue, mullet, perch, pickerel (dore), pike, salmon, saugers, shad, smelts, sturgeon, trout, tullibee and whitefish.

All the varieties of fish taken in inland fisheries do not occur, of course, in every province where freshwater fishing operations are conducted.

"It was terrible," said Mrs. Patterson. "There were twenty-seven Swedes and an Irishman killed in the wreck."

"Indeed," said Mrs. Archer. "The poor man!"

## FORGET NOT

It's a grand old world when things go right, Having all we need and the sun shines bright; Good health and plenty of food to eat, With just enough for the occasional treat; A job at good pay, that is pretty secure; It's a grand old world you may be sure.

We can live in comfort, no reason why the blessings of life we should not enjoy.

No reason at all if you do what is right;

Life for you should continue to be merry and bright.

But to get greater joy and do something fine,

Help your fellow man enjoy life's sunshine.

Perhaps your neighbor has lost his smile,

He has not worked for a long, long while;

He has tramped the streets day after day,

Gaily seeking work—it's pathetic—say.

His little wife tries to cheer him on; their few dollars saved, long since gone;

I peeked face and scanty clothes, Where next meal's is coming from,

God only knows.

too proud to tell you of their plight, though it seems to be a losing fight;

So fuel to burn and a cupboard bare;

While you have enough and a little to spare.

You can do what is right, use a little tact;

Ie is looking for work, that is a fact;

Create for him a job of some kind,

ust look around, they're not hard to find.

There is a leak in the roof of your garage—

Those blocks of wood are far too large—

The path's covered with snow to the gate—

Let your neighbor put those little things straight.

Just let him think they're to be done right away,

hen you are generous with the pay.

Take him thins a big favor to you—

You really have so much to do.

Then watch my friend, you will see it:

While you've helped him regain his self respect,

Then a smile appears on that trou-

bled face;

The sunshine of life, through an act of grace.

It's a grand old world but a sad one, too.

We all have neighbors who need help-

ing through.

ould we all change places just for a day,

ow long would conditions remain this way;

Would the garbage can contain good bread;

While hungry folks remain unfed?

Would well fed people have hearts of stone—

Still refuse the hungry dog a bone.

Let us not change because of such reason,

Let us change right now at this Christmas season.

Let the spirit of Christ permeate our hearts.

So we cannot help but do our parts,

To relieve distress, spread joy and sunshine,

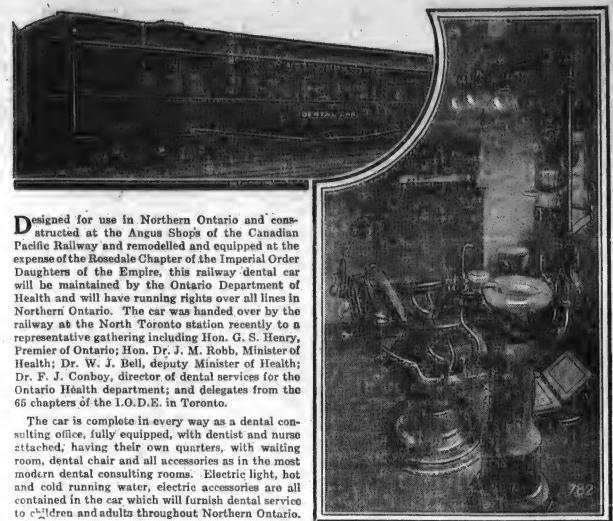
And kindle a flame of real love divine,

As we cheer our friends with some little token,

Forget not the sick, poor, hungry nor heartbroken.

—Ellice

## Dental Services to Northern Outposts



Designed for use in Northern Ontario and constructed at the Angus Shops of the Canadian Pacific Railway and remodelled and equipped at the expense of the Headingley Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, this railway dental car will be maintained by the Ontario Department of Health and will have running rights over all lines in Northern Ontario. The car was handed over by the railway at the North Toronto station recently to a representative gathering including Hon. G. S. Henry, Premier of Ontario; Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health; Dr. W. J. Bell, deputy Minister of Health; Dr. F. J. Conboy, director of dental services for the Ontario Health department; and delegates from the 65 chapters of the I.O.D.E. in Ontario.

The car is complete in every way as a dental consulting office, fully equipped, with dentist and nurse attached; having their own quarters, with waiting room, dental chair and all accessories as in the most modern dental consulting rooms. Electric light, hot and cold running water, electric accessories are all contained in the car which will furnish dental service to children and adults throughout Northern Ontario.

## CLASSROOM HOWLERS

for the night.

The government of England is a limited mockery.

The letters M.D. signify "mentally deficient."

Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are connected by the Suez canal.

Climate lasts all the time, but weather only for a few days.

In Christianity a man can only have one wife. This is called monogamy.

The dog barked down the path emitting whelps at every bound.

Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark.

Launcelot arrived at a castle, where he asked if he could be put up with

will climb to the top you will see the creator smoking.

Science is material. Religion is immaterial.

Gravity was discovered by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

What part did the U.S. navy play in the war? It played the Star Spangled Banner.

"I want to impress upon you today the value of originality," said the teacher. "Now Annie, I want you to repeat these sentences in your own words: 'See the horse. The horse can run fast!'"

Annie: "All right teacher: 'Lamp the nag. She's some stepper!'"

To the people of the Crows' Nest Pass and district  
we extend most cordial

## Christmas Greetings

and best wishes for

## A Prosperous New Year

## West Canadian Collieries Limited

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## Pastoral Messages

CHRISTMAS, 1931

B-R-R-R! But that's a cold wind! and blowing from the west, too!

Usually the west wind is mild and gentle, but for days it has been blowing hard and gusty—a cold, searching wind that goes through you, sending cold shivers up and down your spine and making you draw your coat closer about you and hurrying you toward some sheltered spot, where the wind cannot penetrate and the warmth of a stove welcomes you—that is, if there is any fire in it.

Christmas! B-R-R-R! Six millions out of work in North America and a wind like that! Twenty million men, women and children will have little enough Christmas cheer in 1931.

Ah, yes! The weather is reasonable, but for these twenty millions it is far more to the point that the Christmas spirit of kindly helpfulness is reasonable, too. The "milk of human kindness" can temper the bitter coldness of the wind.

B-R-R-R! But the wind is cold! Listen! Why do the bells ring as if there was something to be glad about? and a wind like that! "Joy to the world!" Ugh! Some folks seem to have so much joy they have forgotten to pass it on.

Listen! Somebody's speaking! "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Ha! If they would only make Him their "Lord," their "King," there would be something to be glad about. Ugah—hampers are easier.

There they go again! Bells, bells! Everywhere hell! Why don't they quit? That hamper will be empty in the morning.

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King."

Yes. Let's make Him king in the earth. We won't need hampers then; they get empty too quick. He will help us build a new world in which man don't fear unemployment or the results to his loved ones through his being laid aside by sickness, or even death.

Thank God for the hampers. Thank God for the name of a better way. I think the wind is moderating a little.

J. W. SMITH, B.D.,  
Pastor of United Church, Blairstown.

"HAPPY CHRISTMAS"

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! How that oft repeated and familiar greeting is borne in fellowship, as we try, in our imperfect way, to "Keep the Feast."

May I quote a portion of the Christmas message of our Bishop of Calgary:

"I pray that in these times of depression, curtailment and necessary self discipline, we may all remember anew, how God came down on earth to dwell; in the narrowness and straitness of a manger; in obscurity and poverty; so that by remembering again how the 'birth of Jesus' was on this wise, we may with renewed faith and courage, give thanks unto Him 'for His great Glory' this Christmas Day."

The Song of the Angels at Bethlehem—"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill," is assuming a much deeper significance for us, as men and nations the world over are beginning to realize that, only through co-operation, fellowship, sacrifice and mutual love, can world peace be assured. This eternal principle did God manifest in the Christ Child on the first Christmas Day over two thousand years ago. Slowly and through great tribulation does the world approach its Re-deemer.

The stumbling block to world peace is moral rather than material; it is not arms but animosities; not crusaders, but cruelties; not guns but greed. And just as we submit ourselves, our private as well as our public life, to the will of Him, who is the Prince of Peace; appropriate His spirit and govern our lives by His teaching, will the nations of the world find any valid reason for abolishing war, which is a symptom of a diseased mental attitude.

So let us pray earnestly, that this Christmas may be a happy one for all—happy indeed if spent with Him and in His way; and that each day of life may find us more like Him, and fashioned to His will.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours most sincerely in His service,  
A. S. PARTINGTON,  
Vicar of St. Luke's, Blairstown

### TRANS-CANADA TELEPHONE

General satisfaction is expressed from all parts of Alberta with the new trans-Canada telephone system, with which Blairstown has the good fortune to be connected by a main and fully equipped station. The trans-Canada line in Alberta goes to Medicine Hat, to Macleod and Blairstown, through the Crows' Nest Pass to Vancouver, so that it can be tapped here,

but cannot be tapped at Calgary.

Westward, it returns to Blairstown, passes through Macleod (not being tapped there), and on to Calgary, Strathmore and Medicine Hat. Lethbridge is connected by direct line with Calgary.

Between Calgary and Vancouver there are four lines, the carrier line between Winnipeg and the coast and three from Calgary, including two old circuits not on the trans-Canada line.



**L**AURA BRADON halted in almost superstitious amazement. "Bertha!" she gasped. "Come here! It's—happened again!" Bertha stopped the letters she was sorting and hurried to the door.

"Laura!" her tone expressed awe and disbelief. "Are you sure?"

"Perfectly. Aren't you?"

Bertha's eyes narrowed reflectively. "Yes!"

For a moment the two stared at each other in light-tipped silence.

"Did you see anyone when you came to work?"

Bertha shook her head. "Not a soul. The building was locked."

"It wasn't so near Christmas and the whole force working overtime. It would be easier to imagine."

From her brown curly and sparkling eyes to her slim ankles Laura was beautiful and graceful. Because she was popular she wasn't too conscious. That may have been her charm, and why—in spite of her youth—Culver had elected her postmistress.

"Imagine a young girl running a post office!" some said. But immediately others retorted, "Laura did it if anyone can."

And Laura had been doing it. She had to. Aunt Juley had left her only a small annuity and the use of the old residence for five years, at which time it went to some charity. That was all.

Now she couldn't quite all stand up to this task, this legacy to another, was apparently causing all the trouble. Even the office mystery had begun at about the time of the disappearance of the grandfather clock. Laura loved that clock. It had childhood associations. Maybe that was why—ever since old Aunt Juley, dying, had made her promise to repair it for an Ernest Hamilton, the son of Aunt Juley's girlhood chum.

"The boy was always good to me when I visited her mother," Aunt Juley explained.

Restoring it would cost unbelievable. Aunt Juley hadn't provided for that, and Laura was saving every penny toward it.

But by Christmas she'd have enough to send to Ernest Hamilton, a total stranger, an expensive present she had never bought.

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# The Real Meaning of Christmas

By a Chaplain  
to the King

**C**HISTMAS DAY is a commemoration rather than an anniversary, and like other commemorations may mean something different things to different people. To some it is the festival of what might be called social charity; this is to say, an occasion for endeavoring to increase the world's capital of good-will which is not perhaps unduly large. This was the aspect which appealed to Charles Dickens and has been immortalized by him in the Christmas Carol, a work which certainly deserves to rank as an English classic. And so far as it goes, this view of Christmas is Christian. It may not amount to very much, but it at least is worth something.

Others see in Christmas the festival of childhood. The Infant Jesus has inspired many pictures and some poetry. This sentiment is also Christian as far as it goes. One of the great difficulties which the Christian religion has made is that it has created a new attitude towards children. It has made parents the natural protectors instead of the owners of them. In the old world the exposure of infants was a very common thing (as it is said to be in China today) and was not regarded as in the least reprehensible.

But both these views are only superficial. Neither the idea of social charity nor the claim of helpless infancy exhausts the meaning of the day. Christmas is—it is almost a platitude to say so—the festival of the Incarnation. It commemorates the fact that "The word was made flesh"; that is to say, that God has really entered once for all into human life. For centuries before, man had been learning to think of God as acting in or upon the world. In heathen thought divine intervention in human affairs was fitful, capricious and arbitrary. It was sometimes inspired by motives which could not be defended. Possibly this was in part an outcome of polytheism; that is, of belief in a number of divine personages of approximately equal power whose wills were often in conflict. But whatever the limitations within which it took place, it was a real intervention. Except in the philosophy of Epicurus, which was next door to atheism, pagan divinities did not neglect this world, but they acted upon it from outside.

Hebrew teachers went deeper. If their speculative range was narrow their insight was more profound. They believed in one God only, whose intervention in human affairs was continuous and not arbitrary. It was guided and inspired by intelligible moral principles.

But the gulf between even this and the Christian standpoint is enormous. Neither Greek nor Jew nor anybody else had ever conceived the idea of God really entering into human life and sharing it, so that in a sense God and mankind are no longer two, but one.

Heathen mythology had many legends of gods who had assumed human form for some particular purpose, and had then laid it aside when that purpose—usually a discreditable one—had been achieved. The adventures of Krishna, who is sometimes termed "The Hindu Christ" (save the mark!) can be studied by the curious at the British Museum. But this article could never be printed if I were to describe some of them in detail here. Such stories have nothing in common with Christian belief.

The Christian religion holds that the Son of God has taken our nature upon Him; that is, has entered really, fully, once for all, into human life. It may fairly be argued that a conception so overwhelming, at first sight so profane could never have been entertained, had it not been forced upon men by the inexorable logic of historical facts which could not be explained away. However, however it may have been reached; the Christian religion does say as much about it, and has readily refused to accept any substitute.

It is obvious that nothing can be beyond this compass of religion. Much dares as much as that at the outset. No intellectual adventure can be too bold for it, and no conventions, however deeply rooted, can hope to withstand a creed which adds to its astounding premise the assertion that the Saviour of the world was born in the stable of a village inn.

Christmas Day really means as much as that. It has given to the world an entirely new



"HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT"

conception of the relations between God and man and of the methods which God employs to accomplish His purpose. It is right that we should keep the day as a great festival, and that the birth of Christ should come to be the beginning of a new era. For from the moment when God entered into human life the world could never be the same place again.

## Strange Christmas Customs

**A**NY thousands of people enjoying Christmas at home in Canada are thinking of relatives or friends abroad and wondering how they will spend the day.

But they can rest assured that, no matter where the absent ones are, they will celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner, for so strong are their memories of traditional customs that Christmas means as much to them on the Equator as it would were they in Canada.

Out in India the day is usually one of hot sunshine. Although holly is practically unobtainable, yet native mistletoe and bougainvillea make excellent substitutes for decorations. Where there is a garrison they hold a full-dress church parade. Curiously enough open-air picnics are held in the afternoon, while dinner parties and fancy dress balls are the more conventional means of spending the evening.

In regions like Baffin Land the men in the isolated posts of the Hudson's Bay Company pass the jolliest Christmas in the world, for they are absolutely cut off from the world each winter until the following July, and in many cases the last letters or presents they have received will have been posted in England as far back as the previous July. Yet these hard-bitten, far-clad men manage to enjoy themselves.

Others are more fortunate, for air mails and dog sleds deliver their Christmas mails.

All over the seven seas great and small are away on the way for Christmas, but that never causes the day to be forgotten, rather it is anticipated with even more relish—if that is possible, than at home. In little fishery protection sloops, trawlers, coasting steamers, and ordinary tramps, special dinners with plum puddings are made aboard, and "dog-watches"—short spells of duty—are worked to enable the seaman to enjoy his share of the good things.

On the great Atlantic liners immense parades are taken to assure that Christmas is a success. Huge quantities of special Christmas provisions and drinks are carried, and these combine with crackers, beautiful decorations and a dance to make everyone happy.

The kitchen folk are equally well cared for, for Father Christmas "lands" on the ship and distributes presents among them. In addition pierrot concerts keep them roaring, huge well-laden Christmas trees and a wonderful feed make them all look forward to another Christmas afloat.

Our own Christmas foods are so well known that it is interesting to hear about the different dishes favored abroad. Thus roast goose following a rice pudding, is enjoyed in Norway, and Sweden. Germans also patronize roast goose followed by a pudding very similar to ours, and the whole is washed down with much beer. More unusual is the roast sucking pig which delights the Sicilians, and even stranger the sweet cakes of honey and almonds which tickle the palates of the Neapolitans.

## Feast of Lights

**T**HE oldest name for Christmas is "The Feast of Lights"—a reference to the glory in which the angels sang the glad tidings of Christ's birth to the shepherds.

It is of interest to note that the Chinese, in their astronomical records, entered an account of a new and travelling star, which appeared a few months after Christ was born. Thus the Biblical story of the Wise Men being guided by a star has outside corroboration.



"BUBBLES"

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Sincere Greetings  
To All Patrons

To The People of Blairstown, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan  
Wishing You a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

G. E. CRUCKSHANK, M.L.A.  
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The Season to our  
myriad friends

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Merry Christmas

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Teacher in Aged  
HILLCREST, ALBERTA

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the Season to all

D. OLIVER  
Praying  
BLAIRSTOWN, ALBERTA

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Fred A. Gregory, Mgr.  
HILLCREST, ALBERTA



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

We are asked by the officials of Blairmore Local Unit No. 1, District 1 of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada, to announce that the annual Christmas Tree will be held in Blairmore on Tuesday, December the 22nd, at 7 p.m., followed by a grand concert, and to request that all children bring their tickets.

This is an event to which all children in the community are anxiously looking forward. There are presents and good things for all. Latest movements of Santa Claus have not been announced, but with an ox team he should be nearing Pincher Creek by now.

## FIRST CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, boxes and presents are a survival of the Strenae Roman—January 1—and were bitterly opposed by early Christian fathers.

From the beginning of the middle of the nineteenth century "school pieces" or "Christmas pieces," the forerunner of the card of today, were popular. These were sheets of paper, sometimes surrounded by birds, scrolls and other specimens of elaborate penmanship made by boys at holiday time to prove their progress in the art of writing.

Joseph Cundall, a London artist, is said to have issued the first Christmas card proper in 1846. It was the size of a woman's visiting card, and was printed in lithography and colored by hand. About 1862 the custom obtained a first foothold; most of the cards being small and containing merely the greetings, "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." Later Little Red Riding Hood, robin and snow began to play a prominent part in the decoration.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

The shoppers gay are out today;  
In the quest of toy and notion!  
In endless throng they surge along  
Like waves upon the ocean!  
With laugh and joke, these merry folk  
Blockade the thoroughfare!  
They walk the streets with aching  
feet;  
But gay and festive air!  
Without a stop; they enter shop,  
And stall, and busy store;  
With sundry pack and box and sack;  
Yet buying more and more!  
They crowd the lifts and aisle for  
gifts  
For brother, son and "aunty!"  
Ah, gladsome heart that plays the  
part  
Of helper to "Old Santi!"

POST OFFICE NOT  
OPEN CHRISTMAS OR  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

Postal regulations provide that Post Offices must be kept open to the public for at least one hour on statutory holidays, and mails received and despatched as usual on such occasions. The Postmaster General, however, has consented to relax the regulations as far as service to the public is concerned on Christmas Day and New Years Day, and postmasters may therefore close their offices all day on the two holidays mentioned, on the understanding that incoming and outgoing mails are dealt with as usual, and that due notice is given the public beforehand.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Specials for Christmas  
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Swift's Premium Skinned Ham, whole or half, per lb .....	25c
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Fresh Pork Shoulder Roasts, per lb .....	11c
Fresh Pork Leg Roasts, per lb .....	14c
Fresh Pork Shoulder Steak, 2 lbs .....	25c
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Fresh Pork Sausage, 2 lbs .....	25c

\$1 Special      2 lbs Pork Sausage      2-b Box Exeter Cheese      4 lbs Beef Pot Roast      Special \$1

Swift's Brookfield Butter, 2 lbs .....	65c
Swift's Silver Leaf Lard, 3 lbs .....	40c
5 lbs .....	65c
10 lbs .....	\$1.25
Exeter Cheese, 2-lb box .....	40c

No. 1 TURKEY, GEESE, DUCKS, SPRING CHICKEN AND FOWL  
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Choice T-Bone or Sirloin Roasts, per lb .....	18c
Choice T-Bone or Sirloin Steak, per lb .....	20c
Choice Round Steak, per lb .....	15c
Choice Hamburg Steak, per lb .....	10c
Choice Shoulder Roasts of Beef, per lb .....	11c
Choice Leg Roasts of Veal, per lb .....	20c
Choice Loin Roasts of Veal, per lb .....	18c
Choice Shoulder Roasts of Veal, per lb .....	13c
Choice Veal Chops, per lb .....	20c
Choice Leg of Lamb Roasts, per lb .....	23c
Choice Shoulder of Lamb Roasts, whole, per lb .....	13c
Choice Lamb Chops, per lb .....	23c

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NEW YEAR'S EVE  
Thursday, December 31st, 1931

Dancing at 9 p.m. - Streamers-Confetti-Noisemakers - Midnight Supper : Music by Altermatt Orchestra : Couple \$1.50 - Extra Lady 50c - Gallery 25c

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May the New Year be Brighter  
and this Christmas be a Cheery one

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## YULE-LOG A PAGAN CUSTOM

There is something of the pagan and the primitive in every one of us, and there are few people who do not find keen enjoyment and delight in watching the fantastic play of sparks and flames in an open fire. At this season of the year the mere mention of the Yule-Log suggests warmth, comfort, good will and happy gatherings; but it may not be generally known that this custom of burning the Yule-Log is an old pagan practice which used to be celebrated on the day of the Roman feast of the birth of Sol, on the 25th of December.

This Christmas ceremony spread to many countries and nations, and was directly transmitted to us by our Scandinavian ancestors, who at the feast of Juul, at the winter solstice, used to kindle huge bonfires in honor of their God Thor. In feudal times in Merrie England the bringing in and placing of the ponderous log on the hearth was the most joyous of ceremonies. The venerable log, destined to crackle a welcome to all comers, was drawn in triumph from the heart of the forest. Each wayfarer raised his hat as he passed, knowing that it was full of good promises and that its flame would burn out old wrongs and cause the liquor to bubble in the Wassail bowl, that was quaffed by the drawing of ancient feuds.

Then after having served its purpose on Christmas Eve, it was carefully preserved until the next Christmas, when its charred remains were used to light the new Yule-Log.

While much of the pomp and pageantry of this ceremony has been lost, the Yule-Log does call to mind the tenderness of ties. It suggests to every one "Home" and its "ain fire-side," where as a little child he used to hang his stockings for Santa Claus to fill.

And at no other season of the year do the home fires burn so brightly. For at Christmastide love attends them, awaiting the return of the various members of the family from far and near.

SANTA, SAINT NICHOLAS  
AND CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

Whoever says there is no Santa Claus is mistaken.

He was a man of great kindness and generosity, with a deep love for children.

Such was his hold on the hearts of the people that after he died, December 6, about 1,600 years ago, the date was set aside as a feast and gift day, in commemoration of his life.

His name was Nicholas. After his death folks called him Saint Nicholas.

As the feast and gift-giving day of St. Nicholas spread, the Dutch took it up. The nearest they could come to St. Nicholas was Santa Claus.

As time rolled on, December 6th, the feast day of Santa Claus, giver of gifts, and December 25th, the feast day of Christ, giver of life, became confused in the minds of the people, and eventually the two festivals were combined.

Thus the idea became established that on the eve of the birth of the Christ Child there comes out of the frozen north, with sleighs and reindeer, genial Santa Claus, with gifts.

When persons tell children "Santa Claus brought you this," they are speaking the truth. For the spirit of Santa Claus that still lives prompted the gift.—Wicks Femboldt.

